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Whirlpool posts strong 4th quarter

Company surpasses earnings, revenue projections; projects big year ahead

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. ended 2020 on a high note by posting a positive earnings report and predicting a strong full-year outlook.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker revealed its fourth-quarter GAAP net earnings Wednesday to be $497 million, or $7.77 per diluted share, compared to the $288 million, or $4.52 per diluted share, reported in the same quarter of last year.

Whirlpool posted ongoing earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of $657 million, compared to $389 million in the fourth quarter of 2019. Ongoing earnings per diluted share was $6.64, compared to the $4.91 in the fourth quarter of 2019.

This surpassed Wall Street expectations, as the average estimate of five analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of $6.39 per share.

The company also posted $5.8 billion in revenue for the quarter.

Whirlpool Chairman and CEO Marc Bitzer said the company plans to carry this momentum, built during the COVID-19 pandemic, into the new year.

"Despite a challenging environment in 2020, we continued to deliver against our long-term strategy and reported our third consecutive year of record ongoing earnings per share," Bitzer said in a news release. "As we enter into 2021, we continue to see signs of economic recovery – such as positive demand and encouraging structural housing trends – and remain well-positioned to drive sustained shareholder value over the long term."

During the course of 2020 Whirlpool saw many highs and lows as the company adjusted to changing consumer needs caused by the pandemic.

Among the actions that Whirlpool executives focused on in 2020 included a reduction in marketing efforts, plus enacting employee furloughs and layoffs that were made toward the end of the second quarter.

Several key developments in housing trends – such as great consumer enthusiasm for home improvements and home sales approaching all-time highs – helped push Whirlpool's full-year earnings past what was accomplished in 2019.

The favorable fourth-quarter comes on the heels of former President Trump extending the safeguard tariffs on large residential washer imports for two years.

The tariff safeguards on foreign-made washers impose levies of 20-40 percent – depending on import volumes – but exclude machines made in Canada.

Whirlpool's shares began at $204.96 on the New York Stock Exchange, and closed Wednesday with a slight increase, to $212.66 a share.

Future outlook

Whirlpool officials are forecasting full-year 2021 net sales at an increase of 6 percent.

The company is also projecting GAAP earnings per diluted share of $17.80 to $18.80 by the end of 2021.

Jim Peters, chief financial officer of Whirlpool, highlighted some of the measures the company took during the pandemic to finish 2020 strong.

"We ended 2020 in a position of strength due to the early, decisive actions we took at the onset of the year to sustain operating margins and protect liquidity," Peters said in the release. "We significantly strengthened our balance sheet and continued to return cash to our shareholders, while delivering record ongoing earnings per share, ongoing EBIT margins and free cash flow. Looking ahead, we are confident that we will continue to deliver on our long-term financial goals and create further value for our shareholders."

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WILD RIDE

Don Campbell / HP staff

A child sleds down the snow-covered dunes at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer on Wednesday.

Whitmer seeks common ground, virus relief in State of State

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer sought "common ground" with the Republican-led Legislature in her State of the State address Wednesday, calling for quick passage of a multibillion-dollar relief plan that would prioritize coronavirus vaccinations and additional aid to Michigan schools and businesses to end the pandemic.

The spending proposal, first announced last week, was among several policy initiatives outlined in the Democrat's third annual speech – a virtual one in which she touted residents' grit in a crisis that has claimed thousands of lives.

"The state of our state is resilience," the governor said.

The address came hours after GOP lawmakers stepped up opposition to her administration's COVID-19 restrictions – which have been loosened gradually – sending a message by rejecting 13 of Whitmer's appointees and saying the funding should not be approved unless she cedes her administration's power to prohibit in-person instruction and sports to local health departments.

"While common ground seems less and less common these days, it's never been more important that we work toward it," Whitmer said. "I know you're used to me saying 'fix the damn roads.' This year, let's also fix the damn road ahead – find common ground to grow our economy and get families and businesses back on their feet. That starts by ending the pandemic."

The virus, which has resulted in 600,000-plus cases in Michigan and contributed to the deaths of more than 15,300 residents in 10 months, continues to dominate the governor's attention. She delivered the 30-minute speech virtually from her office inside the Capitol rather than in person to protect hundreds of legislators and dignitaries who typically would gather in a packed House chamber.

Though a majority of the public has backed her handling of the pandemic, she has faced GOP criticism, a lawsuit and protests – egged on by then-President Donald Trump – over restrictions such as a mask mandate and indoor restaurant dining bans. The speech occurred the same day one of six men accused of plotting to kidnap her last week pleaded guilty. The FBI has said the anti-government extremists were upset over her coronavirus restrictions.

Whitmer said the lockdown and other steps saved lives, but she acknowledged the toll on small businesses and asked the Legislature to help enact the next round of pandemic aid. Her latest proposal would spend $575 million in state funds along with $5 billion in federal relief authorized before Trump left office.

The state funding would include $300 million to help K-12 schools offer face-to-face instruction and $225 million for three new economic-development programs, including grants to restaurants and other "placed-based" businesses hurt by the outbreak.

Republican legislators do not necessarily oppose such spending, having backed grants to workers and businesses as recently as December. But they want input

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Founder of Lane Automotive dies at age 83

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

WATERVLIET — George Lane, whose love of cars and racing grew from a hobby into an industry leading company, died Tuesday at the age of 83.

LANE

"George, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, entrepreneur, and racer, was a true pioneer. He had an unparalleled passion for cars, racing, and really anything with an engine," Lane Automotive officials wrote on Facebook on Tuesday evening announcing his death.

Lane launched Lane Automotive, a distributor of automotive performance and racing parts, in Watervliet Township in 1964.

According to his obituary, Lane played a critical role in shaping the industry into what it is today.

In 1970, Lane launched Lane's wholesale division, Motor State Distributing. This division brought performance and racing parts from manufacturers across the country to locally owned speed shops and retailers throughout the Midwest.

He helped to support local tracks and racers, as well as to standardize many safety and certification practices across various sanctioning bodies, according to Lane Automotive officials.

For this, Lane was honored with an induction into the Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2001.

Lane officials wrote on Facebook that George Lane lived life and built his company around a core set of values that are still at the epicenter

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U.S. terrorism alert warns of politically motivated violence

By BEN FOX and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security issued a national terrorism bulletin Wednesday warning of the lingering potential for violence from people motivated by anti-government sentiment after President Joe Biden's election, suggesting the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol may embolden extremists and set the stage for additional attacks.

The department did not cite any specific plots, but pointed to "a heightened threat environment across the United States" that it believes "will persist" for weeks after Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration.

It is not uncommon for the federal government to warn local law enforcement through bulletins about the prospect for violence tied to a particular event or date, such as July 4.

But this particular bulletin, issued through the department's National Terrorism Advisory System, is notable because it effectively places the Biden administration into the politically charged debate over how to describe or characterize acts motivated by political ideology and suggests that it sees violence aimed at overturning the election as akin to terrorism.

The wording of the document suggests that national security officials see a connective thread between

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GOP: No aid unless counties control school, sports closures

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan House Republicans on Wednesday proposed a $3.5 billion coronavirus recovery plan but threatened to withhold billions to K-12 schools unless Gov. Gretchen Whitmer cedes her administration's power to prohibit in-person instruction and sports to local health departments.

The state health department in November ordered a temporary ban on face-to-face learning in high schools to help curb a surge in virus cases, lifting it later. A prohibition on youth contact sports remains, while restaurants can resume indoor dining next week at 25 percent capacity and with a 10 p.m. curfew following a decline in new infections and hospitalizations.

"Some Michigan school districts haven't had in-person classes since March. That's hurting kids in ways we can't even imagine, and not just academically," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Thomas Albert, a Lowell Republican, said in a statement. "The disruption of sports and other extracurricular activities also takes a major toll."

By law, K-12 districts and charter schools decide whether to allow in-person classes. Although the Democratic governor has strongly urged schools to offer a face-to-face learning option by March 1, House Republicans want to entice public schools by offering up to $250 per student in funding if they commit to reopening by Feb. 15. Many teachers have not yet been vaccinated, which could slow the return to in-person instruction.

The House proposal came a week after Whitmer sent the Republican-controlled Legislature a $5.6 billion relief plan that would use recently enacted federal aid and state funds. She planned to highlight her proposal in her annual State of the State address Wednesday night.

The dueling plans have similarities, including another round of grants to help restaurants and other businesses devastated by the pandemic and related virus restrictions.

The governor proposes quickly allocating $90 million in federal aid designated for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Albert instead wants an initial $22 million distributed, with the rest held in reserve until needed. The House GOP plan would not fund Whitmer's proposed renewal of an expired tax incentives program that was used to lure large-scale business expansions.

Whitmer spokeswoman Tiffany Brown said the governor was pleased to see GOP lawmakers embrace elements of her recovery plan such as vaccine distribution, support for small businesses and getting kids back into classrooms, but added "this is not the time for partisan games."

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
06-11-20-26-36-37
Poker Lotto
KD-9D-4H-6H-2S
Midday Daily 3
6-4-4
Midday Daily 4
7-3-1-1
Daily 3
9-9-6
Daily 4
3-4-6-8
Fantasy 5
04-10-13-31-38
Keno
01-02-11-15-17-19-21-23-27-30-33-35-37-40-41-47-49-55-67-68-76-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$25 million
Powerball jackpot
$20 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
29-49-56-66-67, Mega Ball: 24, Megaplier: 3

Indiana
Cash 5
23-27-33-35-40
Cash4Life
19-24-38-40-60, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
03-06-09-20-21-22-25-27-32-34-37-42-48-49-50-54-55-57-59-70, BE: 57
Daily Three-Midday
6-1-1, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
1-8-0, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
1-1-1-2, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
2-6-0-3, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
02-09-10-16-17-22-23-28-29-45-46-48-52-54-59-66-71-73-75-79, BE: 23

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
06-08-36-38-43
Pick Three-Midday
9-5-4, Fireball: 4
Pick Three-Evening
1-2-9, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
6-7-4-7, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
6-0-4-5, Fireball: 8
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Virus will kill many more, WH projects as briefings resume

By ZEKE MILLER and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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In this image from video, Jeff Zients, White House coronavirus response coordinator, speaks as Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and chief medical adviser to the president., Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, chair of the COVID-19 health equity task force, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Andy Slavitt, senior adviser to the White House COVID-19 Response Team, appear on screen during a White House briefing on the Biden administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic on Wednesday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration launched its new level-with-America health briefings Wednesday with a projection that as many as 90,000 more in the U.S. will die from the coronavirus in the next four weeks – a sobering warning as the government strains to improve delivery and injection of vaccines.

The tone of the hourlong briefing was in line with President Joe Biden's promise to be straight with the nation about the state of the outbreak that has already claimed more than 425,000 U.S. lives. It marked a sharp contrast to what had become the Trump show in the past administration, when public health officials were repeatedly undermined by a president who shared his unproven ideas without hesitation.

The deaths projection wasn't much different from what Biden himself has said, but nonetheless served as a stark reminder of the brutal road ahead.

"I know this is not news we all want to hear, but this is something we must say so we are all aware," said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the new director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "If we are united in action we can turn things around."

The new briefings, set for three times a week, are part of Biden's attempt to rebuild trust and mobilize Americans to follow health guidance on the coronavirus and to break down public resistance to the vaccine.

Wednesday's briefing was conducted virtually, with no shortage of technical glitches and audio gaps. Administration officials appeared on Zoom from separate locations, in keeping with the Biden administration's efforts to model best practices for safe work habits in the pandemic.

One by one, the officials laid out administration efforts to contain the virus, speed vaccinations and bring Americans along with the effort..

"The White House respects and will follow the science, and the scientists will speak independently," promised Andy Slavitt, a senior administration adviser on the pandemic.

Jeff Zients, the White House coronavirus coordinator, said the Biden administration was examining additional ways of speeding vaccine production, a day after the president announced the U.S. plans to provide states with enough doses for 300 million Americans by the end of summer.

But actually injecting those shots is another matter.

"Most states are getting better at putting needles in arms," Zients said. He called on Congress to swiftly pass Biden's "American Rescue Plan." The $1.9 trillion bill, which has given lawmakers in both parties sticker shock, includes $400 billion for measures aimed at controlling the virus, including dramatically increasing the pace of vaccination and ensuring more widespread testing.

Zients noted that the federal Department of Health and Human Services acted Wednesday to make more people available to administer vaccinations. The government will authorize retired nurses and doctors, and professionals licensed in one state will be able to give shots in other states.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said there was reason to be concerned about the impact of some coronavirus mutations on vaccines, but he also said scientists have plenty of options for adjustments to maintain effectiveness.

Fauci said there was particular concern about the so-called South African variant, because lab tests have shown it can diminish the protective power of the vaccines approved to date. He stressed that the level of protection provided was still well within what he called the "cushion" of vaccine effectiveness, but added that the government was working with pharmaceutical companies on potential "booster" shots for the new variants.

Walensky said her agency's latest forecast indicates the U.S. will reach between 479,000 and 514,000 deaths by Feb. 20.

The new briefings, beginning just a week into Biden's tenure, are meant as an explicit rejection of President Donald Trump's approach to the coronavirus outbreak.

U.S. House data not ready until April, states' data after July

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

The U.S. Census Bureau is aiming to deliver the long-delayed numbers used for divvying up congressional seats by the end of April, but a holdup on redistricting data could disrupt several states' abilities to redraw their own legislative maps ahead of upcoming elections, an agency official said Wednesday.

The new goal for finishing data processing for the apportionment numbers used for congressional seats is now April 30. But a separate set of data used for redrawing districts for states and local governments won't be ready until after July in the most likely scenario, Kathleen Styles, a top bureau official, said during a presentation for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The delay in the release of redistricting data could be problematic for states that have deadlines this year for redrawing their districts. New Jersey and Virginia also have elections this year.

"This is a subject of vigorous internal debate right now," said Styles, who added the statistical agency isn't saying for now when the redistricting data will be ready. "The worst thing we could do is deliver data that has question marks."

New Jersey was prepared for such a scenario, with voters last fall approving a constitutional amendment that would address late-arriving redistricting data. The constitutional amendment keeps the current legislative districts for this year's gubernatorial and legislative elections, provided a redistricting commission eventually redraws the districts by March 2022.

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Community raises $29K for repairs at shelter

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — A week ago, Emergency Shelter Services staff were staring at a $25,000 sewage line repair bill and didn't know how they were going to pay for it.

With a plea to the community, and a little luck, the funds, plus an extra $4,000, was raised in just six days.

"It's been so overwhelming with the support that's been shown during this time," Reshella Hawkins, interim director of Emergency Shelter Services, said Wednesday.

She said the organization, which operates the only women and families homeless shelter in Berrien County, had no choice but to allow the workers to begin repairs immediately so the shelter could remain operable.

Due to where the break was, it was the shelter's responsibility to get fixed, which included tearing up and replacing the concrete in the street in front of the shelter, which is along Pipestone St.

B&Z Co., an excavating company in Benton Harbor, preformed the repairs in just a few days, Hawkins said.

"We told them we were concerned about such a large bill, and it needing to be paid in five days," she said. "He said, 'You know what? We're going to give you guys 30 days to get the payment.' He knew people needed this shelter."

Hawkins said Wednesday morning that there are about 15 people staying at the shelter right now, with another four to six people coming to stay that night.

She said the extra funds raised over the sewer repair bill will go to replacing the driveway at the shelter that has large holes in it. In addition, the basement needs work done, and the windows need to be replaced.

"It's just old. I've been there 22 years and it's got issues," she said. "Things are just breaking down and need updating, so those are my next major projects."

Hawkins, a Benton Harbor native, said the community has shown a lot of strength during this situation.

"I'm so grateful that people just poured their love and showed us compassion and concern during this time," she said.

Those still looking to support Emergency Shelter Services can give at www.essberrien.org/donate, mail checks to 645 Pipestone St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, or shop at the ESS Resale Store along West Main Street in Benton Harbor.

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BOTTLE ART

Don Campbell / HP staff

A glass bottle sculpture, located in front of a home along Park Street in St. Joseph, is covered with snow Tuesday after a storm moved through the area Monday night.

Snyder team: Flint water case could be doomed over records handling

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — Lawyers for former Gov. Rick Snyder signaled Wednesday that a major challenge is brewing over documents possessed by Flint water prosecutors.

They told a judge that prosecutors did not use an independent team to screen for records that might be protected by attorney-client privilege or Snyder's executive privilege as governor.

The admission by Fadwa Hammoud of the attorney general's office is "stunning and may undermine the entire investigation," attorney Brian Lennon said in a court filing.

Snyder was recently charged with two counts of willful neglect of duty, a misdemeanor. The city, under Snyder-appointed emergency managers, used the Flint River for drinking water in 2014-15 without properly treating it to reduce corrosion. Lead from old pipes contaminated the system.

Lennon said records and devices seized by investigators were being stored by a different section of the attorney general's office that was representing state officials in lawsuits by Flint residents.

He told Judge William Crawford that he might have to hold hearings to learn more about the records.

A spokeswoman for prosecutors, Courtney Covington Watkins, said Snyder's defense team was making a "meritless" attack that will be addressed in court. She didn't elaborate.

Separately, Snyder's lawyers have asked Crawford to dismiss the case, claiming it was filed in the wrong county since governors work in Ingham County, not Genesee.

Eight other people were indicted in a new investigation of the Flint water scandal, including two former health officials from the Snyder administration who were charged with involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of nine people from Legionnaires' disease. Some experts have blamed the river.

Man pleads guilty in conspiracy to kidnap Michigan governor

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — One of six men charged in an alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer pleaded guilty Wednesday to conspiracy, admitting that the group discussed an incredible scheme to snatch her at her lakeside vacation home and destroy a bridge to slow down police.

Ty Garbin's guilty plea is a major catch for prosecutors, only about four months after arrests were made. His testimony could strengthen the government's case against the others and back up evidence collected by informants and undercover agents.

Garbin appeared in federal court in Grand Rapids a few hours after a plea agreement loaded with details about the operation was filed, including his pledge to fully cooperate with investigators. There was no agreement on a sentencing range, but his assistance could help him when he returns July 8.

The FBI in October said it broke up a plot to kidnap Whitmer, a Democrat, by anti-government extremists upset over coronavirus restrictions she had imposed in Michigan. Six people were charged in federal court while eight others were charged in state court with aiding them.

U.S. District Judge Robert Jonker went through a series of questions about Garbin's rights and his willingness to plead guilty.

When the judge asked if he had second thoughts, Garbin replied: "I do not, your honor."

In the plea agreement, Garbin, 25, of Hartland, acknowledged more than six pages of stunning allegations. He said he and others trained with weapons in Munith, Michigan, and Cambria, Wisconsin, last summer and "discussed the plan to storm the Capitol and kidnap the governor."

IN BRIEF

COVID-19 hospitalizations continue decline

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland reported having 19 COVID-19 patients admitted on Wednesday morning.

That's the lowest COVID patient total the hospital has reported since Oct. 20. Last Wednesday, the hospital had 31 patients admitted.

Berrien County recorded 29 new COVID-19 cases and 41 recoveries Tuesday. No new deaths were recorded.

That keeps Berrien County's number of active cases at one less than it was last Wednesday, 1,382.

Van Buren County recorded 14 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, while Cass County recorded 10. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

Berrien County has now distributed 10,940 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with about 1,059 of those being second doses, as of Tuesday according to state data. Van Buren County has given 4,972 doses and Cass County has given 1,226 doses.

SpartanNash, a grocery store chain which owns Martin's Super Markets, announced Wednesday it is readying to have COVID-19 vaccine doses available in its pharmacies. To sign up to be notified when the vaccine is available at Martin's, visit shopfamilyfare.com/covid19vaccine.

Sheriff's records office to re-open by appointment

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Sheriff's Office Records Lobby in St. Joseph, which has been closed due to COVID-19, will re-open by appointment only, starting Monday.

Appointments can be made for firearms purchase permits, sex offender registration for those who need to verify, and finger printing.

The records office in Niles will remain closed to the public and all business will be conducted at the St. Joseph office.

To schedule an appointment, call 983-7141, Ext. 7211, or email sheriffrecords@berriencounty.org and state the reason for the appointment and provide a phone number.

Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anyone entering the building must have an appointment, and will be asked some COVID-19 screening questions, have temperature taken, and must wear a mask while in the building.

South Haven native Christopher Hanson named NRC chairman

By HP STAFF

South Haven native Christopher T. Hanson has been tapped as the next chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by President Joe Biden, effective immediately.

Hanson, who becomes the 18th chairman, replaces Kristine L. Svinicki, who departed the agency on Jan. 20 after serving as chairman since 2017.

HANSON

"I am honored to have been selected by President Biden to serve as the next NRC Chairman and to lead the talented women and men who oversee the licensing and regulation of our nation's civilian use of radioactive materials," said Hanson in a news release. "I remain committed to ensuring that we continue to work collaboratively under our authorities established by Congress to assure the public adequate protection of health and safety in carrying out our regulatory responsibilities."

Hanson is a 1989 graduate of South Haven High School. His parents, Thomas and Linda Hanson, live in St. Joseph.

Hanson extended his gratitude to Svinicki for her service as an NRC commissioner and chairman, a career that began at the NRC in 2007. She is the longest serving member of the commission in the agency's history.

"I look forward to building on Chairman Svinicki's many accomplishments as the commission takes on new challenges and faces new opportunities as nuclear energy technologies continue to evolve and uses of nuclear materials expand in the future," said Hanson.

The NRC is comprised of five commissioners, one of whom is designated by the president as chairman. The commission was established to be a collegial body that formulates policies, develops regulations, issues orders to licensees and adjudicates legal matters. Commissioners serve five-year terms, with one term expiring every year on June 30. No more than three commissioners may be of the same political party.

Hanson was sworn in as a commissioner last June 8. He has more than two decades of government and private-sector experience in the field of nuclear energy. Prior to joining the NRC, he served as a staff member on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he oversaw civilian and national security nuclear programs.

Before working in the Senate, Hanson served as a senior advisor in the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy. He also served in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, where he oversaw nuclear and environmental cleanup programs, and managed the department's relationship with Congressional Appropriations committees.

Prior to joining DOE, he served as a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton, where he led multiple engagements for government and industry in the energy sector.

Hanson earned master's degrees from Yale Divinity School and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, where he focused on ethics and natural resource economics. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in religious studies from Valparaiso (Ind.) University in Valparaiso.

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What will shock the GOP back to itself?

Leonard Pitts

What is it going to take?

For years, that question has weighed upon the rest of us – and even some of its own members – as we watched the Republican Party slide ever deeper into a morass of political extremism, screwball conspiracies, alternate facts and ambient rage incompatible with responsible governance. Every time Republicans obfuscated, equivocated and rationalized, every time they broke rules they once swore to uphold, every time they folded, spindled and mutilated values they once claimed as sacred, the question presented itself anew.

What's it going to take to shock this party back to itself?

Mind you, we've learned a great deal about what will not do it. Public censure won't. Logic won't. Appeals to decency won't. Nor will appeals to patriotism, duty and tradition. Nor will reminders that history is watching.

But there was a last hope one always held in reserve: that, when rubber met road and nitty met gritty, Republicans would finally return to some semblance of sanity because they'd have no other choice. But in the last three weeks, that hope has been smashed like, well, a window of the U.S. Capitol. It turns out that neither a violent physical attack on the government itself nor a direct threat to their very own lives and limbs is enough to get a groundswell of Republican lawmakers to do the right thing.

For a while, it looked as if it might be. For a while, in the backwash of shock and anger from the Jan. 6 attack, it looked as if they might join with Democrats to impeach and convict the 45th president, thereby assuring that he can never hold office again. One dared to hope his party might at last impose accountability upon the man who exhorted the mob to violence. Then the quislings quailed.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who had said flatly that the president bore responsibility for the riot, said Sunday on "Full Court Press with Greta Van Susteren" that "everybody across this country bears some responsibility" – an epigram of gutless moral equivalence that insults most Americans, particularly those of us who have been warning about something like this for years.

Other Republicans pretend to see nothing out of sorts here, nothing that demands sanction. Unless it be those few members of their party – Rep. Liz Cheney, one of 10 House Republicans who voted for impeachment, comes to mind – who were courageous enough to do what is so glaringly right. Otherwise, Republicans are suddenly more concerned with preaching "unity," a word most could not spell on Jan. 5th. As House members delivered their Article of Impeachment to the Senate on Monday, it was considered unlikely a sufficient number of Republican senators will vote to convict the former president.

Sadly, even though the bad man has left town and can't hurt them anymore, they still can't bring themselves to stand up on their hind legs and say that what he did is wrong. After all, there are all those future elections to think about...

It is said the ex-president is thinking of forming a new, MAGA-centric political party. In some ways, it's an attractive idea. Democracy requires at least two functioning political parties. America has been making do with one and a cult.

A MAGA party would be the political equivalent of giving the GOP an exorcism. But it would also give extremism a permanent, prominent seat at the table.

Can the GOP be saved otherwise? Truth is, the rest of us have no say. If the party is to be saved, the party will have to do it. And while we can't know all that that will take, we do know it will take courage.

Unfortunately, the present standoff makes one thing all too clear.

Courage is a commodity the GOP has in short supply.

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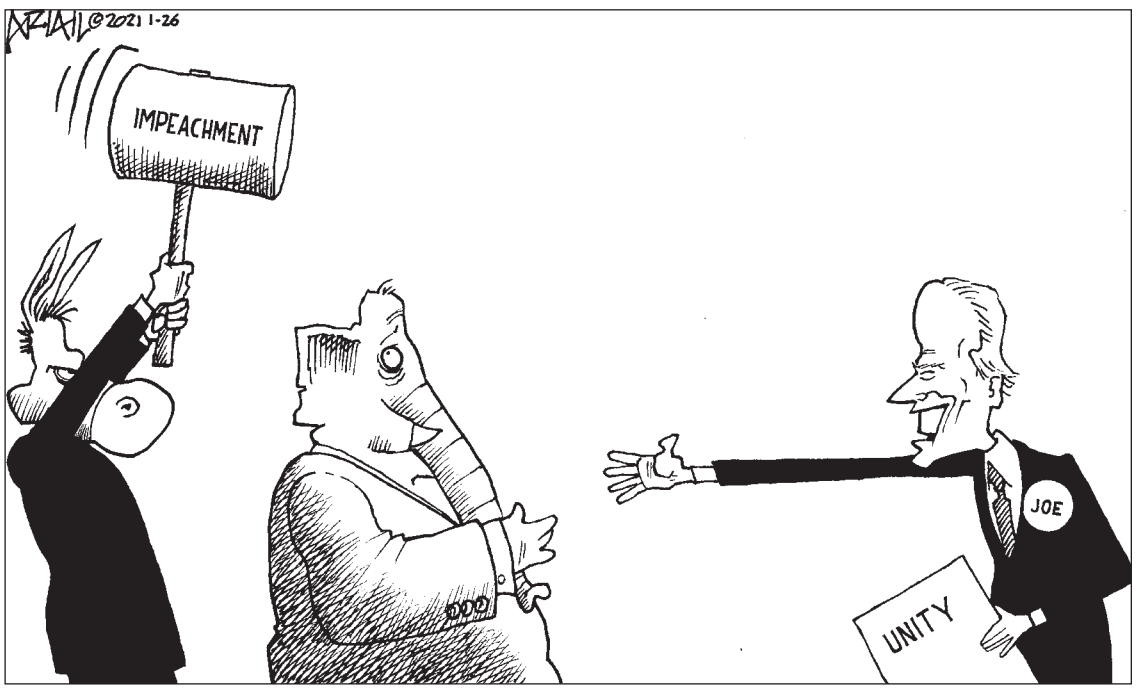
Major institutions should get their employees off of Twitter

By MEGAN McARDLE



Early last Thursday morning, Will Wilkinson, the vice president for policy at the Niskanen Center, tweeted out an extraordinarily ill-advised joke: "If Biden really wanted unity," Wilkinson suggested, "he'd lynch Mike Pence."

By morning he had issued a handsome apology. By evening he was no longer the vice president for policy at the Niskanen Center.

Will is a friend, so naturally I'm dismayed by what happened. I'm also dismayed that it should have happened at Niskanen, a center-to-leftish institution I admire. And I'm even more worried to have yet another example of the damage Twitter is doing to American discourse – damage so profound that I'm beginning to think that the only way to fix it is not to urge tolerance, but for major institutions in the media and think-tank world to tell their employees to get the hell off Twitter.

I realize that this seems a mite counterintuitive as a solution to the cancel culture. But cancel culture isn't the only problem with having public intellectuals increasingly communicating with each other in 280-character social media packets, though it is the most vivid.

Twitter's very format encourages the sort of thing that is likely to get one canceled: short and context-free, composed in an instant, posted without reflection. Moreover, that very speed and effortlessness make it easy to form – or join – a mob going after someone else's tweets. The result resembles the proverbial standoff where everyone has a loaded gun pointed at the head of someone else.

Ideally, everyone would simultaneously disarm, but no one trusts anyone else to do so. So instead, people try to make themselves safer through preemptive revenge. Or take refuge in communities of extremists who will at least protect them from anyone on the other side, no matter what they say, as long as it is sufficiently far left or right.

In exchange, of course, they demand that you smile tolerantly at the worst your own side can dish out. And that "worst" keeps getting worse because of a phenomenon well known to social scientists: When you sort people into ideological groups, the pressure of groupthink tends to push both the groups themselves, and the people within them, to become more extreme than they were before. Within each ideological space, there's tightening conformity to radical views; between them, growing interpersonal viciousness and a total lack of understanding.

This dynamic is obviously bad for the people who inadvertently blow themselves up in a few seconds of casual typing. But it's worse for the institutions they work for, which become hostage to the stupidest or most extreme thing any employees have said in their most thoughtless moments. They also suffer when angry employees turn internal fights over policy into ugly public spectacles. Such behavior has particularly plagued the media in recent years.

This is bad not just for these institutions, but the country. We in the media rue how so much of the right has closed itself off into bubbles that cannot be penetrated by facts or sources inconvenient to its ideology. We have talked much less about how our own behavior contributes to this phenomenon, particularly on social media.

I wouldn't trust anyone who talked about me and my friends with the arrogant contempt that I routinely see emanating from journalists and academics on Twitter; we shouldn't be surprised that conservatives don't, either. Especially as they watch institutions be forced by Twitter mobs to hew to an ever-narrower ideological line.

These costs of tweeting aren't balanced by the benefits, and at this point the majority of Twitter users I know seem to agree. They hate what Twitter does to their organizations and friends, they hate the pervasive fear, they even hate how much time they waste that could have been spent on better work. But they're addicted to the attention, or fear ceding mindshare to people who are willing to stay in the fray. And so they're all stuck in a destructive, yet unfortunately stable, equilibrium.

I'm just as guilty as anyone, and I can see how this might sound like me asking my boss to fire my dealer, because I don't have the fortitude to quit. But this is really a collective action problem: People feel they have to stay on because others do, and others are on for the same reason. Collective action problems can generally be solved only institutionally, which is why I think the big media outlets and the major think tanks should tell their employees to read Twitter all they like, but not to post anything more controversial than baby pictures or recipes for cornbread. Those who are lucky enough to have reputations big enough to lose – or to work for organizations that do – will be better off if they take their voices back inside the institutions that were designed to amplify their best work, rather than their worst moments. But only if they make that journey together.

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ANOTHER OPINION

The war on free speech

Silicon Valley is waging war on free speech.

In the wake of the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump, Twitter has permanently banned the former commander in chief. Facebook blocked Trump from posting at least until after President Joe Biden took office. Trump's account is still suspended. Reddit, Shopify, Snapchat and others followed suit in banning the former president and his supporters, temporarily or permanently.

The shrinking of what should be a broad marketplace of ideas – like them or not – continues. This is called censorship. And that censorship is taking an even more sinister shape. The social media site Parler has been suspended from Google's and Apple's app stores, and Amazon has stopped providing the company with cloud services, effectively killing the service and prompting Parler to launch a federal lawsuit against the tech giant. Parler is favored by Trump supporters, conservatives, conspiracy theorists and right-wing extremists.

The killing of Parler amounts to a chilling assault on speech.

The bans may not be illegal, per se – though Parler is alleging anti-competitive practices. But the answer to "bad" speech – to lies and hate and misinformation – is more speech. The cure is not to hide the bad speech from the public eye.

Some of the exchange on Parler is unconscionable. But to pretend that Facebook and Twitter don't host death threats and racism and anti-Semitism is laughable. It's true that Parler users (estimated at about 15 million) discussed and coordinated the riot at the Capitol. But does anyone seriously think that banning the site would have halted it?

Even international figures like Germany's Angela Merkel has pointed out the conflict with American ideals, calling these recent acts a breach of the "fundamental right to free speech."

In the end, we must defend people's right to say things we don't agree with, even if what is said is false and objectionable.

To do otherwise undermines our country's principles and, at the same time, simply doesn't work. Make no mistake, the uglier aspects of the conversation on social media sites, mainstream and otherwise, will find new outlets. For example, the CEO of Gab, an alternative social networking site, managed to back up Trump's Twitter account and recreate it there.

Sending such conversations underground will only allow them to fester and simmer, unchecked and unmonitored, fueling a radicalized countercultural populism with a grudge to nurse. Being unaware of bad thoughts and evil speech is not a protection. It's burying our heads in the sand. It's ignorance of what is going on around us.

The answer remains the same as it always has been: We must counter bad speech with more and better speech.

Social media, like much of the news media, has become a wedge between Americans who are decamping to different platforms along ideological lines in the tens of thousands in the wake of the bans. That cannot be a good thing for the country.

Trump should answer for the role of his speech in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. The law enumerates explicit standards for incitements to violence and insurrection; if Trump is found guilty of violating those standards, he should be prosecuted.

Banning him from social media accounts will serve merely to incense his followers further, as they correctly decry the move as un-American.

Let discourse continue. Let discourse return.

– Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

This is not normal

Ben Shapiro

For four years, we were informed by our establishment media that President Donald Trump's behavior was "not normal." The abnormality of Trump's behavior became a near rallying cry for the self-appointed heroes of journalism, who spent every waking hour poring over his bizarre tweets and his bloviating self-absorption. The media dedicated themselves to preventing Trump's supposed normalization.

Now, the media inform us, we have been graced by the most normal normal person to have ever normalled: President Joe Biden. Biden, they proclaim, is utterly boring, nondescript, barely worthy of coverage. His administration, too, is paradigmatically normal. Yascha Mounk of The Atlantic tweets, "It is so nice to have a boring President." Alleged media watchdog Brian Stelter asked this week whether Biden is "making the news boring again," adding, "The Biden White House is clearly a break from the chaos and incompetence of Trump world."

For his part, Biden obviously revels in this sort of coverage. This week, his favorite ice cream flavor (chocolate chip) was tweeted out as well as a retweet of first lady Jill Biden's announcement that Champ and Major, the new first pets, had entered the White House.

On a personal level, Biden is clearly more "normal" than Trump – although treating Biden, a career politician worth nearly $10 million, as the height of normality is rather stunning. The goal for the establishment media isn't to point out merely that Biden is a sort of American Everyman. It's to use that supposed normalcy to disguise the fact that his agenda is absolutely *abnormal*.

The dirty little secret of the Trump administration is that despite Trump's personal abnormality, his agenda was well in line with past precedent, and with mainstream American opinions on everything from taxes to military policy. Trump did not radically shift American policy. Biden will. Within the first five days of his presidency, he issued 30 executive orders, compared with four for Trump, five for Barack Obama and zero for George W. Bush. Those executive orders included endorsement of radical reinterpretation of American history; killing the Keystone XL pipeline, along with its attendant estimated 11,000 American jobs; forcing the military to allow troops to undergo gender reassignment surgery; and forcing federally funded institutions to allow biological men who identify as transgender to compete alongside biological women, among others. He is reportedly pursuing an immigration plan directed toward reopening America's borders. He has staffed his Cabinet by intersectional box-checking.

Biden's policy is indeed radical. But because Biden is presented as a normal person, we're supposed to ignore all of that. We're supposed to simply be grateful for the "return to normalcy" – complete with caving to the teachers unions that seek to keep schools closed indeterminately, reentering a long-dead deal with the Iranian theocracy, firing government staffers with whom he disagrees and lying openly about the vaccine distribution plan he inherited.

Meanwhile, our media pat themselves on the back. It's rare to see a profession declare itself irrelevant, but that's what many in the media are doing these days. According to Stelter, it's "refreshing" that Biden's team promises accountability and transparency. According to Margaret Sullivan of The Washington Post, the media must learn their lesson from the Trump era and cover Democrats *more* sycophantically.

Joe Biden may be a relatively normal guy. But none of this is normal. And pretending it is represents just another way for the media to reject legitimate criticisms of an administration seeking radicalism right off the bat.

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Fed stresses its commitment to low rates as economy stumbles

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WASHINGTON — Chair Jerome Powell said Wednesday that the Federal Reserve will keep pursuing its low-interest rate policies until an economic recovery is well underway, acknowledging that the economy has faltered in recent months.

The Fed said in a statement after its latest policy meeting that hiring and economic growth had slowed, particularly in industries affected by the raging pandemic, notably restaurants, bars, hotels and others involving face-to-face public contact. The officials kept their benchmark short-term rate pegged near zero and said they would keep buying Treasury and mortgage bonds to restrain longer-term borrowing rates and support the economy.

Speaking at a news conference, Powell made clear his belief that the economy will struggle in the coming weeks and months, until widespread vaccinations and government rescue aid eventually fuel a sustained rebound.

"We're a long way from full recovery," he said. "Something like 9 million people remain unemployed as a consequence of the pandemic. That's as many people as lost their jobs at the peak of the global financial crisis and the Great Recession."

The Fed statement warned that the virus is posing risks to the economy. But the officials removed phrases from their previous statement in December that had said the pandemic was pressuring the economy in the "near term" and posed risks "over the medium term."

Powell said that language was removed because the Fed policymakers see the pandemic increasingly as a short-term risk that will likely fade as vaccines are distributed more widely. But he also cautioned that the threat remains a serious one, particularly because of the potential harm from new strains of the virus.

"We have not won this yet," Powell said. "There's nothing more important to the economy now than people getting vaccinated."

For now, the job market, in particular, is faltering, with 9.8 million jobs still lost to the pandemic, which erupted 10 months ago. Hiring has slowed for six straight months, and employers shed jobs in December for the first time since April. The job market has sputtered as the pandemic and colder weather have discouraged Americans from traveling, shopping, dining out or visiting entertainment venues. Retail sales have declined for three straight months.

Yet the Fed still envisions a sharp rebound in the second half of the year as the virus is brought under control by vaccines and government-enacted rescue money spreads through the economy. Americans fortunate enough to have kept their jobs have stockpiled massive savings that suggest pent-up demand that could be unleashed, with a big lift to the economy, once consumers increasingly feel safe about resuming their old spending patterns.

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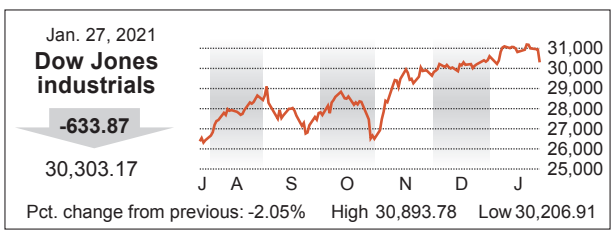

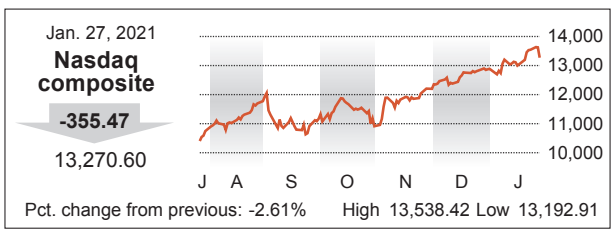

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OBITUARIES

Grace B. Mitchell

Oct. 8, 1928 – Jan. 24, 2021

Grace B. Mitchell, 92, of Bangor passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at the Graceway at Countryside Assisted Living & Nursing Home, South Haven.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1928, to Maurice and Francis Beatrice (Clairbourne) Godde in Petersburg, Va.

Grace married James E. Mitchell on July 18, 1945, in Petersburg. They shared 67 years of marriage before James's passing in 2012.

Grace worked at Murphy's in South Haven for many years and also owned and operated Mitchell's Patch of Blueberry Farm. She was a member of the Greater Faith Apostolic Church in Benton Harbor.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James E. Mitchell.

Grace is survived by her sons: Larry (Ginny) Mitchell, and Craig (Tina) Mitchell, both of Bangor; nephew, Keith McCord of Huntington Beach, Calif., who she raised; grandchildren: Meledi Rigozzi, Marcus Mitchell, Kyle Mitchell and Lena Zugger; great-grandchildren: Creela Mitchell, Jaycee Mitchell, Eileah Zugger and Mahra Rigozzi; several nieces, nephews and other extended family members and friends also survive.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven.

Michael E. Cowgill

July 11, 1952 – Jan. 24, 2021

Michael E. Cowgill, 68, of South Bend died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Mike was born on July 11, 1952, in Benton Harbor, the son of (the late) Otta Alvin Cowgill and Violet Lorean (Thomas) Riffle.

After graduating from high school, Michael attended Purdue University where he earned his associate's degree for plumbing and heating. Michael has been a South Bend resident for over 30 years. He was currently employed as a motor route carrier for the South Bend Tribune.

Mike was known as a kind, caring person with true dedication to his customers. He had a lifelong love for music and grew up singing in his church and playing instruments, which led to his long-standing involvement with many area bands, playing guitar, drums and providing vocals. Mike enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid fisherman, but also enjoyed video games as well.

In addition to his parents, Mike was also preceded in death by his brothers: George, Kenneth and Ottie Cowgill; and an infant sister, Shirley Cowgill.

He is survived by five children and two grandchildren. Mike is also survived by his sisters: Cathy Ann Cowgill of South Bend, Judy (Alden) Ballinger and Pamela Cowgill both of Watervliet; brothers: Thomas Cowgill of Mohawk Tenn., Allen Cowgill of Walkerton, Ind., and Alvin Cowgill in Missouri. Mike was also an uncle to his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Arrangements through Palmer Funeral Home-River Park Chapel, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend.

The family's preferred memorial is the American Cancer Society of Northern Indiana. If you choose to donate, you may do so either by mail at 130 Red Coach Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545, or online at https://donate3.cancer.org. To share a remembrance of Mike or to offer your condolences to his family, please visit www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Raymond Dunlap

Oct. 1, 1956 – Jan. 15, 2021

Raymond Louis Dunlap, 64, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 15, 2021, at his home, after a battle with cancer.

His celebration of life will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, at Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive Benton Harbor, with visitation at 9 a.m. at the church. Burial will take place at Crystal Springs Cemetery.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1956, in Flint, son of David and Virginia Dunlap, who both proceeded him in death. During his final days, he was nurtured, cared for and surrounded by family and friends. He was known for his calm temperament, and though he was a man of few words, when he spoke, it was eloquent and he had everyone's attention.

Raymond was deeply loved, will be greatly missed and left a lasting impression on each person he encountered. He leaves to cherish his memory four sons: Raymond D. Dunlap of Benton Harbor, Robert Dunlap of Kalamazoo, Corey Harrison of Houston, and Carl Dunlap of Dallas; three daughters: Latisha Dunlap of Kalamazoo, Nakeda Dunlap and Ebony Dunlap, both of Indianapolis; four bonus daughters: Koko McClain and Isheia McClain of Kalamazoo, Utica McClain of Benton Harbor, and Charmaine Harrison of New Orleans; and one bonus son, Terrez McIntosh of Kalamazoo; one brother, David E. Dunlap of Benton Harbor; three sisters: Akime Plater of Shreveport, La., Shirleen Hammitt of Puyallup, Wash., Regina Williams and brother-in-law, Coroth Williams, of Lakewood, Wash.; 22 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and four special friends: Michael Watts, Valerie McClain, Anna Satterfield and Eddie Smith Jr.

Death notices

Michael E. Cowgill, 68, of South Bend died Jan. 24, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Palmer Funeral Home-River Park Chapel, South Bend, Ind., 574-289-2848.

Raymond Louis Dunlap, 64, of Benton Harbor died Jan. 15, 2021, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Peter J. Karpe, 63, of Bangor died Jan. 26, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bangor, 427-7551.

George Lee Lane, 83, of Watervliet died Jan. 26, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Grace B. Mitchell, 92, of Bangor died Jan. 24, 2021, at the Graceway at Countryside Assisted Living & Nursing Home, South Haven. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Eileen (Kingma) Nelson, 84, of St. Joseph died Jan. 26, 2021 at The Willows, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Vicki Lynn Rudell, 71, of Berrien Springs died Jan. 26, 2021. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

George Lee Lane

Aug. 17, 1937– Jan. 26, 2021

George Lee Lane, 83, of Watervliet passed away Jan. 26, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, after a brief illness.

George was born on Aug. 17, 1937, in Hagar Township to George Fred Lane and Josie Lee (Wadley) Lane. He was a lifelong resident of Southwest Michigan and graduated in 1955 from Benton Harbor High School. His first job was during those high school years at the City Service gas station in Hagar Township.

In 1960, George married Janet Mueller of Benton Harbor, and began their new life together in Riverside, Mich. They soon were blessed with two sons: Douglas and David.

George worked for several years in the literature department at Whirlpool, doing technical illustrations, before taking a job at Heathkit, developing product literature. During this time, George's love of cars and racing grew from a hobby into a fledgling side business. In 1964, he launched Lane Automotive, which he grew from a part-time venture in his small garage to become one of the world's leading distributors of automotive performance and racing parts, and a cornerstone of the Southwest Michigan business community. As a pioneer in the automotive aftermarket, George played a critical role in shaping the industry into what it is today.

A regular fixture at local racetracks, car shows, and other automotive events, George was a vibrant part of the local community, and remained active in Lane Automotive even after his semi-retirement. He looked forward to the annual car show, Cars and Coffee, and other company events where he could often be found sharing stories with customers and car fans of all ages. As a business owner, George earned the respect of his employees, his suppliers, and his competitors, with business relationships spanning decades, and many of his employees building life-long careers at Lane Automotive.

George was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet Lane; his sons: Douglas (Kimberlee) Lane, and David Lane; his grandchildren: Darren, Dustin and Karianne; and his sister, Dorothy (Lane) Condoluci.

A small and private family funeral will be held in the coming days, and a celebration of George's life is being scheduled for later this year.

Donations in memory of George may be made to the local food pantries or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Coloma. Those wishing to leave an online message of remembrance may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Peter J. Karpe

May 4, 1957 – Jan. 26, 2021

Peter J. Karpe, 63, of Bangor passed away Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Pete was born May 4, 1957, in Middletown, Conn., the son of Charles and Viola (Ciaburri) Karpe, and has lived in the Bangor area since 1995.

He was an amazing husband, father, step-father, grandfather and was a hard-working person. He loved his Philadelphia Eagles. Pete worked at Entergy, Palisades, for 26 years with the BAG crew.

Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline Karpe, whom he married Oct. 17, 2013; one daughter, Kathryn Karpe of Las Vegas; two stepchildren: Jamie Little of Bangor, Kenna Salinas of Stevensville; five grandchildren: Dylan Little, Alyssa Nunez, Jaelynn Little, Jocelynn Little, Rylie Burnside; sister, Paula Karpe of Centerville, Va.; brother, Bobby Karpe of Portland, Conn., and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will meet friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at the First Congregational Church, 125 Charles St., Bangor.

According to his wishes cremation will follow the services. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

San Francisco to strip Washington, Lincoln from school names

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco school board has voted to remove the names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln from public schools after officials deemed them and other prominent figures, including Sen. Dianne Feinstein, unworthy of the honor.

After months of controversy, the board voted 6-1 Tuesday in favor of renaming 44 San Francisco school sites with new names with no connection to slavery, oppression, racism or similar criteria, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Feinstein's name was added to the list because as mayor she replaced a vandalized Confederate flag that was part of a long-standing flag display in front of City Hall.

Critics called the process slapdash, with little to no input from historians and a lack of information on the basis for each recommendation. In one instance, the committee didn't know whether Roosevelt Middle School was named after Theodore or Franklin Delano.

"I must admit there are reasons to support this resolution, but I can't," said community member Jean Barish, who said the process has been flawed and based on emotion rather than expertise. "These are not decisions that should be made in haste."

School board members have insisted that the renaming is timely and important, given the country's reckoning with a racist past. They have argued the district is capable of pursuing multiple priorities at the same time, responding to critics who say more pressing issues deserve attention.

In some schools, families argued for a name change for years, including those at James Denman Middle School, named after the first superintendent, a racist leader who denied Chinese students a public education. Others argued that current names mean students are wearing school sweatshirts with the names of slave owners, including Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

"It's a message to our families, our students and our community," said board member Mark Sanchez. "It's not just symbolic. It's a moral message."

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

St. Joseph's basketball team got back on the wining track, posting a 55-46 Big Eight Conference victory over Portage Northern in the Bear Den. Guard J.R. Krueger engineered the Bear attack with 23 points, but he got some help up front. Forward Dave Brink netted 10 points and grabbed six rebounds and center Bret Witkowski tallied nine and snared a dozen boards.

1986 – 35 years ago

Berrien County continued this morning to dig out from a "lake effect" snowstorm that dumped up to 20 inches of snow across parts of the county in 24 hours. The snow virtually paralyzed St. Joseph and neighboring Benton Harbor on Monday. St. Joseph Public Works Director Jim Talbot said the snowfall measurement was in an area not affected by wind.

1971 – 50 years ago

Southwest Michigan will have a Blossomtime Festival this year after all. Donald Humphrey, president of Blossomtime Inc., announced the board of directors voted Tuesday to stage the festival. The action reversed a decision from Dec. 18, when the board voted to suspend the festival for 1971 because of insufficient funding. Indications that the festival still could bloom this year were sounded last week when the Blossomtime Board held a special meeting and was informed that a drive was underway to make up the deficit. The board of directors consented to undertake the task of putting together a 1971 Blossomtime Festival.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2021. There are 337 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

On this date:

In A.D. 814, Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne died in Aachen in present-day Germany.

In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1911, the notorious Hope Diamond was sold by jeweler Pierre Cartier to socialites Edward and Evalyn McLean of Washington, D.C., for $180,000.

In 1915, the American merchant vessel SS William P. Frye, en route to England with a cargo of wheat, became the first U.S. ship to be sunk during World War I by a German cruiser, the SS Prinz Eitel Friedrich, even though the United States was not at war.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

In 1939, Irish poet-dramatist William Butler Yeats died in Menton, France.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made his first national TV appearance on "Stage Show," a CBS program hosted by Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Chance Snow	Scattered Snow	Mostly Cloudy
27°	20°	29° / 19°	31° / 21°	32° / 26°	31° / 24°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of snow showers, high of 27°, humidity of 67%. Southwest wind 5 to 8 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 20°. West northwest wind 3 to 8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:02 a.m.
Sunset	5:55 p.m.
Moonrise	5:49 p.m.
Moonset	8:17 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
1/28	2/4	2/11	2/19

Regional Map

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	28°
Low	21°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	16°
Record High	59° in 2002
Record Low	-11° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.96"
Normal for month	1.53"
Year to date	0.96"
Normal Year to date	1.53"

Air Quality

Yesterday 33

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

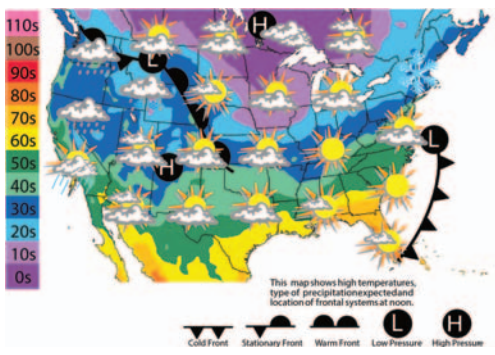
Weather Trivia

What is the rush of water preceding a hurricane called?

Answer: Storm surge.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 28, 2021



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Lake Michigan

Today, NNE wind 6 to 11 kt. Snow showers likely. Waves around 3 ft. Water temperature 31 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 5 to 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. Northwest wind 8 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. South wind 3 to 8 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 20s. Southwest wind 5 to 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 20s. East southeast wind 3 to 7 mph.

Biden: 'We can't wait any longer' to address climate crisis

By MATTHEW DALY and ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the most ambitious U.S. effort to stave off the worst of climate change, President Joe Biden signed executive orders Wednesday to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel powered economy into a clean-burning one, pausing oil and gas leasing on federal land and targeting subsidies for those industries.

The directives aim to conserve 30 percent of the country's lands and waters in the next 10 years, double the nation's offshore wind energy, and move to an all-electric federal vehicle fleet, among other changes. Biden's sweeping plan is aimed at staving off the worst of global warming caused by burning fossil fuels.

But his effort it also carries political risk for the president and Democrats as oil- and coal-producing states face job losses from moves to sharply increase U.S. reliance on clean energy such as wind and solar power.

"We can't wait any longer" to address the climate crisis, Biden said at the White House. "We see with our own eyes. We know it in our bones. It is time to act."

He said his orders will "supercharge our administration's ambitious plan to confront the existential threat of climate change."

Biden has set a goal of eliminating pollution from fossil fuel in the power sector by 2035 and from the U.S. economy overall by 2050, speeding what is already a market-driven growth of solar and wind energy and lessening the country's dependence on oil and gas. The aggressive plan is aimed at slowing human-caused global warming that is magnifying extreme weather events such as deadly wildfires in the West and drenching rains and hurricanes in the East.

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on COVID-19 restrictions before authorizing additional aid and say the governor's approach has been unilateral and not bipartisan.

Whitmer said her administration this year will aggressively focus on economic growth and getting people back to work. She asked the Legislature to renew tax incentives to support large-scale business expansions. The Good Jobs for Michigan program expired in 2019 after two years.

She also returned to a pre-pandemic priority that she pledged to address while campaigning for governor: fixing the roads and other infrastructure. At last year's State of the State, she announced that Michigan would borrow $3.5 billion to rebuild the state's deteriorating highways and bridges over five years after her proposed 45-cents-a-gallon fuel tax hike was rejected. The bonding is not being used to repair local roads.

Michigan is one of few states with a restrictive local road-funding structure, according to the governor's office. Legislation that would have let counties seek voter approval of local gas taxes and registration fees died last term. It should be passed, Whitmer said, so local communities "can move some dirt, too."

ALERT

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recent violence over the last year motivated by anti-government grievances, including COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 election results and police use of force. It also singles out racially motivated acts of violence such as the 2019 rampage targeting Hispanics in El Paso, Texas, as well as the threat posed by extremists motivated by foreign terrorist organizations.

"Information suggests that some ideologically-motivated violent extremists with objections to the exercise of governmental authority and the presidential transition, as well as other perceived grievances fueled by false narratives, could continue to mobilize to incite or commit violence," the bulletin said.

A DHS statement that accompanied the bulletin noted the potential for violence from "a broad range of ideologically-motivated actors."

The alert comes at a tense time following the riot at the Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump seeking to overturn the presidential election. DHS also noted violent riots in "recent days," an apparent reference to events in Portland, Oregon, linked to anarchist groups.

"The domestic terrorism attack on our Capitol earlier this month shined a light on a threat that has been right in front of our faces for years," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat who is chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. "I am glad to see that DHS fully recognizes the threat posed by violent, right-wing extremists and is taking efforts to communicate that threat to the American people."

The alert was issued by acting Homeland Security Secretary David Pekoske. Biden's nominee for the Cabinet post, Alejandro Mayorkas, has not been confirmed by the Senate.

Two former homeland security secretaries, Michael Chertoff and Janet Napolitano, called on the Senate to confirm Mayorkas so he can start working with the FBI and other agencies and deal with the threat posed by domestic extremists, among other issues.

Chertoff, who served under President George W. Bush, said attacks by far-right, domestic extremists are not new but that deaths attributed to them in recent years in the U.S. have exceeded those linked to jihadists such as al-Qaida. "We have to be candid and face what the real risk is," he said in a conference call with reporters.

Federal authorities have charged more than 150 people in the Capitol siege, including some with links to right-wing extremist groups such as the Three Percenters and the Oath Keepers.

The Justice Department announced charges Wednesday against 43-year Ian Rogers, a California man found with five pipe bombs during a search of his business this month who had a sticker associated with the Three Percenters on his vehicle. His lawyer told his hometown newspaper, The Napa Valley Register, that he is a "very well-respected small business owner, father, and family man" who does not belong to any violent organizations.

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of Lane Automotive culture: Accountability, innovation, integrity, passion and respect.

"These values are forever central to our business, its employees, and the service we provide to our valued suppliers and customers," officials wrote.

Joe Stepich, Watervliet Township supervisor, said Lane was an asset to the north Berrien community.

"I only met him once, but everything I've heard about him, he was a tremendous benefit to the community. He did a lot for Watervliet Township and around here. It's a big loss to this whole area," he said Wednesday.

Earlier this month, Lane Automotive announced the end of the annual Lane Automotive Car Show, which was unable to happen in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The car show started in 1989, and George Lane was always a fixture at the event each year, the company wrote on Facebook.

"He could often be found swapping stories with customers he had known for decades," they wrote.

Lane's full obituary is published in today's paper.

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Winter Delights is coming into your home for a relaxing night of wine, chocolates, cooking, and music. Start the evening with an optional interactive Zoom cooking demonstration with Chef Luis Amado. Then be guided through a series of virtual wine tastings by Mike Moyer who is the director of the LMC Wine & Viticulture program, indulge in chocolate tastings prepared by LMC culinary students, and be entertained by live music interludes from Alex & Erin.

EACH PACKAGE INCLUDES:
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- Gourmet chocolate sampler
- Special Valentine's weekend entrée and dessert recipes
- Virtual tour of the LMC Welch Center for Wine & Viticulture
- Live music from Alex & Erin

Have your wine, chocolate, and recipes shipped to your home (for an additional fee) or pick them up the week of February 8 at the Welch Center on the Lake Michigan College Benton Harbor campus.

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Butch Dill / AP

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady hugs coach Bruce Arians on the sidelines during the second half of a divisional round playoff game against the New Orleans Saints on Jan. 17. The Buccaneers won 30-20.

Retirement age? Super Bowl coaches just getting started

By MARK LONG
AP Pro Football Writer

Jeff Roberson / AP

Kansas City Chiefs players dump a box of confetti on coach Andy Reid after the AFC championship game against the Buffalo Bills on Sunday. The Chiefs won 38-24.

There's no retirement age in the NFL, and that's a good thing for Super Bowl-bound Kansas City and Tampa Bay.

Andy Reid and Bruce Arians are two of the league's five oldest coaches. Reid is closing in on 63; Arians turned 68 last October. They have a combined 55 years of NFL experience and spent nearly another three decades working at the college level.

Neither seems close to calling it a career. Instead, they're showing that bald heads and gray facial hair might be a better choice than young and spry at football's most important leadership position. These guys might just be getting started, too.

Reid signed a six-year contract extension in November that could keep him with the Chiefs through 2025. Arians told a Tampa radio station Wednesday he plans to return in 2021 even if the Buccaneers beat Kansas City at home in the Super Bowl on Feb. 7. Arians was asked on WDAE-FM whether he would "ride off into the sunset" with a victory.

"Hell, no!" he said. "I'm going for two. If the (owners) will have me back, I'll be back."

Reid, who ranks fifth on the NFL wins list with 238, is in the midst of his eighth season in Kansas City after a long tenure in Philadelphia. He took over a team that was 2-14 before his arrival and built a consistent winner, one that has reached new heights under Super Bowl MVP quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

"A guy like Patrick will keep you very, very young," Arians joked.

Reid and the Chiefs are trying to become the first team in 16 years to win consecutive Super Bowls, joining an exclusive list of dynasties that includes Green Bay (1967-68), Miami ('72-73), Pittsburgh ('75-76, '79-80), San Francisco ('89-90), Dallas ('92-93), Denver ('98-99) and New England (2003-04).

"Growing up as an Eagles fan, I was able to cheer for a bunch of his teams,"

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Pistons fall to Sexton, Cavaliers on road

CLEVELAND (AP) — Collin Sexton scored 29 points and Andre Drummond had 23 points, 16 rebounds and five steals against his former team, powering the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 122-107 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Taureean Prince added 16 points and rookie Isaac Okoro had 10 points and a season-high six assists to help the Cavaliers snap a two-game losing streak and improve to 9-9.

Jerami Grant scored 26 points and Mason Plumlee had 15 points, 12 rebounds and a career-high eight turnovers for Detroit. The Pistons have the worst road record in the Eastern Conference at 1-7. Grant made 10 of 10 free throws.

Drummond made a bank shot midway through the fourth quarter to give Cleveland its largest lead of the night at 108-89. The Cavaliers went ahead for good at 72-69 on Darius Garland's 3-pointer in the third.

Garland had 14, and Cedi Osman and Jarrett Allen added 10 apiece for Cleveland. The Cavaliers shot 54 percent from the field, going 52.4 percent on 3-pointers.

Detroit guard Derrick Rose returned after missing two games with a sore left knee, scoring 13 points in 19 minutes off the bench. Wayne Ellington had 17 points.

Cavaliers power forward Larry Nance Jr. was unavailable for the second straight game after spraining his right wrist at Boston on Sunday.

Similar strategy

Pistons coach Dwane Casey is encouraged by Cleveland's development, specifically mentioning Sexton and Garland. The Cavaliers are seventh in the East after finishing with the second-worst record in the NBA last season. "A couple of years ago, Cleveland was where we are now," Casey said. "They're an exciting up-and-coming team, like we want to be."

Up next

Pistons: Host the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

Cavaliers: At New York on Friday night.

Tony Dejak / AP

Cleveland's Collin Sexton, center, is stopped by Detroit'sSekou Doumbouya, left, and Josh Jackson in the second half of Wednesday's game.

MHSAA still committed to winter sports season

By HP STAFF

The MHSAA's Representative Council reaffirmed its commitment on Wednesday to playing winter sports once current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services restrictions are lifted.

Girls and boys basketball, competitive cheer, and wrestling are not currently allowed to compete and can only participate in non-contact practices, based on MDHHS restrictions to contain the spread of COVID-19. The limitations were set to expire at the end of the month but have been extended through Feb. 21.

"Each week, we see hundreds of examples of children and families competing in non-school competition, both in-state and out-of-state," MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl said in a news release. "This not only is in violation of current MDHHS orders, but sending all of these families into different states will only become an impediment to getting students back in school full-time.

"But we can contribute to students returning to in-person learning by allowing MHSAA member schools to begin full activities, participating locally and against more local competition, and under the guidance of trained, professional educators."

The news release also noted the success of an MDHHS rapid testing pilot program, which allowed fall sports to complete their postseasons in January.

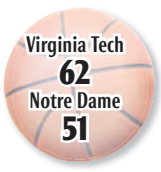
A total of 5,376 individuals (athletes, coaches, team personnel, cheerleaders, etc.) were tested for COVID-19, and 57 had at least one positive test, about one percent of participants.

The release also noted that as of Monday, winter contact sports had begun in 38 states, including border states Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Irish fall at home to No. 20 Virginia Tech

By JOHN FINERAN
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Nahiem Alleyne led four Virginia Tech players in double figures with 15 points and the No. 20 Hokies rebounded from their previous road loss to control cold-shooting Notre Dame 62-51 Wednesday night.



Keve Aluma and Justyn Mutts had 14 points each and reserve Hunter Cattoor scored 13 for coach Mike Young's Hokies (12-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who were coming off a 78-60 loss last Saturday at Syracuse.

Prentiss Hubb scored 22 points to lead the Fighting Irish (5-9, 2-6), who saw their two-game winning streak end. The guard scored just five points after intermission as the Irish, who shot 32 percent in the first half, finished at 36 percent for the game.

Virginia Tech, playing without suspended second-leading scorer Tyrece Radford, built 15-point

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Robert Franklin / AP

Virginia Tech coach Mike Young makes a kicking motion during the first half of Wednesday's game against Notre Dame.

Could more Hall of Fame shutouts be on the horizon?

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Baseball Writer

It could be a while before the Baseball Writers' Association of America votes anyone new into the Hall of Fame.

BBWAA members delivered an empty class in this year's election, which was announced Tuesday night. Curt Schilling received the most support, but the former pitcher was selected on 71.1 percent of the ballots, falling 16 votes short of the 75 percent needed for induction. Barry Bonds (61.8 percent) and Roger Clemens (61.6 percent) were the next-highest finishers.

It was the first time since 2013 that the BBWAA didn't elect anyone. That year proved to be an exception. The writers elected 22 players from 2014-20. But there are signs that the 2021 shutout could be repeated next year – and perhaps the year after that as well.

Schilling came up short, his numbers barely budging from last year. He's turned off voters with his behavior in recent years, including social media posts about Muslim extremists, transgender people and journalists.

Schilling wrote on Facebook that he has asked the Hall of Fame to remove his name from next year's ballot. Hall of Fame Board Chairman Jane Forbes Clark said in a statement the board "will consider the request at our next meeting."

The BBWAA responded Wednesday and said "Schilling's request to remove

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Cleveland coach Kevin Stefanski said. "He does an outstanding job with his team. And then, in particular the offense, he is a great technician in what he has his team do.

"I have always respected how much they have evolved over the years and the different things that they do which are so different than what they were doing, you know, 20 years ago in Philadelphia. I just think so highly of him as a coach."

There's little doubt that Reid's "throw to win" philosophy is the NFL model these days. The way he handles the locker room should provide another blueprint for success.

"As a head football coach, you try to unite, make sure people have an opportunity to express their beliefs and feelings like you would around a dinner table but have an open forum and respect for one another," Reid said. "That's what 'team' is all about.

"We all come from different places and it doesn't matter religion or color or anything else, we're humans and I think we have an opportunity to look at the best of each other. … We all have strengths and weaknesses. Every human has that, their strength and weakness, and our objective as a football team is your strength is going to cover up my weakness; my strength will cover up your weakness and we go roll. So that's kind of how we do it here."

Arians has been equally masterful in blending six-time Super Bowl champion and three-time league MVP Tom Brady with a relatively young roster that includes off-the-street additions in tight end Rob Gronkowski, running back Leonard Fournette and receiver Antonio Brown.

There was some speculation Arians might be on the verge of retirement. He stepped away following the 2017 season in Arizona due to medical concerns. After a year out of football, he returned with Tampa Bay in 2019 and then made a bold call to move on from overall No. 1 draft pick Jameis Winston.

The Bucs signed Brady, now 43, to a two-year contract that created a small Super Bowl window.

They made it happen by beating Washington, New Orleans and Green Bay on the road. Now, the Bucs get to face Kansas City at home – the first team in NFL history to play a Super Bowl in its normal venue.

And the bald and bespectacled guys on either sideline will play a pivotal role in the outcome. Arians could make history, too. New England's Bill Belichick is the oldest coach to win a Super Bowl. He was 66 when the Patriots beat the Los Angeles Rams two years ago.

"We have a cause and our cause is to put rings on our fingers," Arians said. "You do everything you can to reach that goal."

Regardless of age.

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leads twice in the first half, the second time on Aluma's three-point play with 3:24, and Notre Dame never got out of the hole.

The Hokies led 50-35 on Mutts' basket with 12:37 to play and 62-47 late.

The Hokies shot 33 percent in the first half but took a 31-22 lead to the locker room behind Cattoor's 12 points on 4-of-5 3-point shooting.

Hubb scored 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting, but the rest of the Irish were a combined 2 of 15.

Big picture

Virginia Tech: Hokies played without Radford, who was suspended Monday after his early Sunday morning arrest by Blacksburg, Virginia, police on charges of driving under the influence and carrying a concealed weapon.

Notre Dame: Irish were coming off two victories, including a 73-59 win at Miami on Sunday, but hit just 3 of their first 18 shots. It was reminiscent of their second half in a 77-63 loss at Virginia Tech Jan. 10 when they made just two field goals and shot 10.5 percent from the field in the second half.

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himself from the ballot is a violation of the rules set forth by the National Baseball Hall of Fame's board of directors" are urged the board to reject the request. The BBWAA said Schilling "should remain on the ballot for consideration by the voting body for what would be his final year on the BBWAA ballot in 2022."

Bonds and Clemens appear to have stalled as well amid suspicions of performance-enhancing drug use.

Next year's ballot is expected to include Alex Rodriguez and David Ortiz for the first time. Rodriguez was suspended for the 2014 season for violating Major League Baseball's PED policy and collective bargaining agreement. The New York Times reported in 2009 that Ortiz was among those who tested positive in a 2003 survey designed to determine the degree of steroids use in baseball.

Barring a significant change in the way the electorate approaches PEDs, it's possible the BBWAA won't vote anyone in next year, either. And the same could be true for 2023, when Carlos Beltrán – implicated in the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scandal – appears likely to be the top newcomer on the ballot.

Last chance

Bonds and Clemens have one more year on the writers' ballot, and Schilling does, too, unless the Hall abides by his request for removal. There was a time when Bonds and Clemens seemed to be making progress as new voters were added to the process, but now they're heading into their 10th and final chance.

"The turnover in the electorate seems to be good for a point or two every year, but they need, what, 13 or 14 points now?" said Ryan Thibodaux, whose online ballot tracker provides a running poll in the weeks leading up to the vote announcement. "They need to change a whole bunch of minds. It's basically if a bunch of people have decided that they're waiting until year 10 to make that switch, that's pretty much their hope."

Hard to predict

Ortiz has his own PED questions, but he's managed to remain relatively popular, and it's anyone's guess how he'll fare in the voting.

"One of the few candidates where I literally have no idea what's going to happen," Thibodaux said. "It would not surprise me if he got 50 percent and it wouldn't surprise me if he got 85%."

Perhaps a groundswell of support for Ortiz will cause some voters to rethink their opposition to Bonds and Clemens, but it's not at all clear how well Ortiz will do on his first try.

Other newcomers

Although Rodriguez and Ortiz are the biggest additions, there are some other interesting new names expected for the 2022 ballot.

Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins each won an MVP, and Tim Lincecum won two Cy Young Awards. Prince Fielder and Joe Nathan are among the other eligibles.

Rolling along?

Scott Rolen received 52.9 percent of the vote this year, up from 35.3 percent in 2020. He may be the best bet for avoiding more BBWAA shutouts in the next couple of years.

Lions hire ex-Chargers coach Lynn as offensive coordinator

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions have hired offensive coordinator Anthony Lynn, who led the Los Angeles Chargers for four seasons before being fired earlier this month.

Detroit added Lynn to first-year coach Dan Campbell's staff on Wednesday, days after hiring Aaron Glenn to be their defensive coordinator.

Lynn had a 33-31 record in the regular season and was 1-1 in the playoffs with the Chargers from 2017 to 2020. He was 0-1 as interim coach of the Buffalo Bills in 2016 when he also served as offensive coordinator for 14 games. Lynn played running back for Denver and San Francisco from 1993 to 1999.

The Lions also announced they hired assistant general manager Ray Agnew and senior personnel executive John Dorsey, a former general manager for the Kansas City Chiefs and Cleveland Browns. The latest additions to the front office are designed to build a veteran-laden support staff to work with first-time general manager Brad Holmes.

Agnew was director of pro scouting the past four years with the Los Angeles Rams, working with Holmes as he led their college scouting department during his 18-year career with the franchise. Agnew worked for the Rams for 14 seasons after his playing career. He was drafted No. 10 overall in 1990 by New England and played defensive line for 11 seasons with the Patriots, New York Giants and St. Louis Rams.

Dorsey was the Chiefs' general manager from 2013 to 2016 and was Cleveland's general manager for the following three seasons. He was a front office consultant last season with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Blackhawks lose in shootout to Predators

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Matt Duchene scored the only goal of the shootout to give the Nashville Predators a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Wednesday night.

Predators 2, Blackhawks 1

Nick Cousins had the regulation goal for Nashville.

Ryan Carpenter had the Chicago goal. The Blackhawks have dropped two in a row, but have earned at least one standings point in their last five games.

It was the second straight night the teams needed extra time to decide the game. Nashville won Tuesday night's first game of the back-to-back set on an overtime goal by captain Roman Josi.

In the tiebreaker, Duchene skated down the center of the ice, froze Chicago goaltender Kevin Lankinen with a forehand move before lifting a backhand under the crossbar of the fallen goaltender.

Cousins scored the game's first goal at 5:24 of the third period.

After Chicago turned the puck over just inside the Nashville blue line, Duchene chipped the puck off of the glass and Cousins outmaneuvered Chicago defenseman Calvin de Haan to take control of the puck.

Cousins skated down the right side on a 2-on-1 and snapped a quick wrist shot between the pads of Lankinen from the right circle.

Mark Humphrey / AP

Chicago Blackhawks center Ryan Carpenter (22) scores a goal against Nashville Predators goaltender Juuse Saros in the third period of Wednesday's game.

Lankinen finished with 41 saves in regulation and overtime, including 20 in the third period.

The goal was Cousins' first as a Predator.

Carpenter tied it 4 minutes later.

Nashville goaltender Juuse Saros denied Carpenter's redirection of a shot from Brandon Hagel, but Carpenter collected his own rebound and managed to slip a tough angle shot past Saros for his first of the season.

Saros made 29 saves and denied all three Blackhawk shooters in the shootout.

Power play denied

Chicago entered Wednesday with at least one power-play goal scored in each of their seven games played this season, the second longest stretch to open a season in franchise history, trailing only the 1990-91 team, which scored 17 power play goals in the first 11 games of that season.

Penalty killing promise

Nashville entered Wednesday last in the NHL in penalty killing percentage at 54.0 percent, giving up nine power-play goals against in their last three games. Complicating matters was the fact that Chicago has the league's second-best power play, clicking at 42.0 percent entering the game. The Predators denied the Blackhawks on all four of their power play attempts Wednesday, holding them to two shots on goal.

Milestone game

Duchene played in his 800th career game. Duchene is in his second season with the Predators after stops in Colorado, Ottawa and Columbus.

What's next

The Blackhawks return home for four-straight, starting Friday night against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Lester finalizes $5M, 1-year deal with Nationals

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Left-handed starter Jon Lester and the Washington Nationals finalized a $5 million, one-year contract Wednesday, giving the team a fourth member of a rotation led by Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin.

Lester and the team had an agreement in principle in place last week, pending the successful completion of a physical exam.

The five-time All-Star and Nationals manager Dave Martinez know each other well: Martinez was the bench coach for the Chicago Cubs when Lester helped that club win the 2016 World Series for its first title in 108 years.

Coming off a last-place finish in the NL East in 2020, Washington has had a busy offseason that already includes adding outfielder Kyle Schwarber – like Lester, from the Cubs – and lefty reliever Brad Hand via free agency, first baseman Josh Bell in a trade with the Pittsburgh Pirates and re-signing Ryan Zimmerman after he sat out last season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lester turned 37 this month and will be heading into his 16th season in 2021. He has a 193-111 record and 3.60 ERA for his career, which mostly was spent with the Boston Red Sox and the Cubs, plus part of one season with the Oakland Athletics.

Lester is a workhorse who has topped 200 innings in eight regular seasons and still threw at least 170 in each of the past three full years.

He's also been a postseason star, putting up a 2.51 ERA across 154 innings while helping Boston win a pair of World Series championships before being a part of Chicago's title run.

Lester pitched 61 innings across 12 starts in the truncated 2020 season, going 3-3 with a career-high 5.16 ERA for the Cubs.

His $25 million mutual option for 2021 was declined by the Cubs in October, completing a $155 million, six-year contract and allowing Lester to become a free agent. Lester is owed a $10 million buyout by Chicago: $2 million on each Dec. 31 from 2022 through 2026.

He was 77-44 with a 3.64 ERA in 171 starts with the Cubs.

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Boys

COLOMA 28, BRONSON 2

Team total — Coloma 1701, Bronson 1345.
Coloma individuals – Two games: Brodie McQuillan 362 (212), Eric Gomez 354 (188), Jonathan Swetay 339 (182), Noah Blankenship 338 (183). One game: Ryan Wilson 166, Riley Davis 142.
Baker games – Coloma 165, Bronson 141; Coloma 139, Bronson 117.

Note: Riley Davis bowled a 350 series and 223 game, both team highs, in Coloma's 16-14 win over Bronson on Monday. His name was listed incorrectly in results in Tuesday's sports section.

Girls

BRONSON 25, COLOMA 5

Team total — Bronson 1566, Coloma 1153.
Coloma individuals – Madison McQuillan 287 (158), Savannah Hamilton 273 (158), Clover Sinkler 211 (121), Eadie Needham 211 (113), Addy Milnickel 171 (90).
Baker games – Bronson 180, Coloma 104; Coloma 150, Bronson 117.

Tuesday's results
Boys

COLOMA 16, BRONSON 14

Team total — Coloma 1533, Bronson 1474.
Coloma individuals – Riley DeRosa 350 (223), Brodie McQuillan 339 (175), Jonathan Swetay 317 (168), Noah Blankenship 272 (139), Michael DeRosa 255 (137).
Baker games – Bronson 150, Coloma 149; Bronson 200, Coloma 184.

Girls

BRONSON 28, COLOMA 2

Team total — Bronson 1263, Coloma 1062.
Coloma individuals – Madison McQuillan 326 (198), Eadie Needham 314 (202), Savannah Hamilton 232 (120), Clover Sinkler 190 (102).
Baker games – Bronson 135, Coloma 107; Bronson 122, Coloma 95.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	12	6	.667	—
Boston	10	6	.625	1
Brooklyn	12	8	.600	1
New York	8	11	.421	4½
Toronto	7	11	.389	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	9	9	.500	—
Orlando	8	11	.421	1½
Charlotte	7	11	.389	2
Miami	6	11	.353	2½
Washington	3	10	.231	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	11	6	.647	—
Indiana	11	7	.611	½
Cleveland	9	9	.500	2½
Chicago	7	10	.412	4
Detroit	4	14	.222	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	7	6	.538	—
San Antonio	9	8	.529	—
Dallas	8	9	.471	1
Houston	7	9	.438	1½
New Orleans	5	10	.333	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	13	4	.765	—
Denver	11	7	.611	2½
Portland	9	7	.563	3½
Oklahoma City	7	9	.438	5½
Minnesota	4	12	.250	8½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	4	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	13	5	.722	1
Phoenix	8	7	.533	4½
Golden State	9	8	.529	4½
Sacramento	7	10	.412	6½

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 108, L.A. Clippers 99
Houston 107, Washington 88
Utah 108, New York 94

Wednesday's Games
Indiana 116, Charlotte 106
Sacramento 121, Orlando 107
Cleveland 122, Detroit 107
Denver 109, Miami 82
Milwaukee 115, Toronto 108
Brooklyn 132, Atlanta 128, OT
L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia
Chicago at Memphis, ppd
Boston at San Antonio
Dallas at Utah
Oklahoma City at Phoenix
Washington at New Orleans
Minnesota at Golden State

Thursday's Games
Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NHL

East Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	7	4	0	3	11	25	23
Boston	6	4	1	1	9	18	12
Philadelphia	7	4	2	1	9	25	25
Pittsburgh	7	4	2	1	9	23	26
New Jersey	6	3	2	1	7	14	16
Buffalo	7	3	3	1	7	21	21
N.Y. Islanders	6	3	3	0	6	11	11
N.Y. Rangers	6	1	4	1	3	15	18

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	7	4	3	0	8	17	20
Columbus	7	2	2	3	7	18	22
Chicago	8	2	3	3	7	22	28
Dallas	3	3	0	0	6	12	3
Florida	3	3	0	0	6	14	9
Tampa Bay	4	3	1	0	6	15	10
Detroit	7	2	4	1	5	13	22
Carolina	3	2	1	0	4	9	6

West Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	7	5	1	1	11	23	17
St. Louis	7	4	2	1	9	22	27
Colorado	7	4	3	0	8	25	18
Los Angeles	7	3	2	2	8	22	21
Anaheim	7	3	2	2	8	12	14
Minnesota	7	4	3	0	8	19	17
San Jose	7	3	4	0	6	22	28
Arizona	7	2	4	1	5	17	20

North Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	8	6	2	0	12	26	22
Montreal	6	4	0	2	10	29	18
Winnipeg	7	5	2	0	10	28	21
Edmonton	8	3	5	0	6	23	29
Vancouver	8	3	5	0	6	27	34
Calgary	5	2	2	1	5	16	13
Ottawa	6	1	4	1	3	15	27

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Philadelphia 5, New Jersey 3
Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Florida 4, Columbus 3, SO
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1
Nashville 3, Chicago 2, OT
Toronto 4, Calgary 3
Anaheim 1, Arizona 0
St. Louis 5, Vegas 4, SO
Winnipeg 6, Edmonton 4
Dallas 2, Detroit 1, OT
Colorado 7, San Jose 3

Wednesday's Games
Nashville 2, Chicago 1, SO
Ottawa at Vancouver

Thursday's Games
Calgary at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 28

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (N)		The Chase (N) CC (DVS)		The Hustler "How to Spot a Liar" (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	:31 Young Sheldon	:01 Mom CC	The Unicorn (N)	Star Trek: Discovery (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Mr. Mayor (N)	Superstore (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen "Wedding Bells in Hell" (N)		Call Me Kat (N)	Last Man Standing	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Frankie Drake Mysteries "Radio Daze"		Agatha Christie's England (N) CC		All Creatures Great and Small	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Walker "Back in the Saddle" (N) CC		Legacies "Goodbyes Sure Do Suck" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "The Devil and Bobbi Parker"		Dateline "Reckless" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Ill-Bred"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Walker "Back in the Saddle" (N) CC		Legacies "Goodbyes Sure Do Suck" (N)		The Drew Barrymore Show (N) CC	
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Victor Whitetail visits Heartland.		Highway to Heaven "Alone" CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish "Lemons"	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 Presents Critical		The First 48 (N) CC		:01 Killer Cases "Murder At The Mall"	
AMC	5:00 ✾ True Lies	✾ ★★★ Lethal Weapon ('87) Mel Gibson. A veteran detective is paired with an eccentric partner. CC					Lethal Weapon 2
Animal	Gold	Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush		Gold Rush CC	
BET	6:00 ✾ ★ Waist Deep ('06)			✾ ★★★ Creed ('15) Michael B. Jordan.			
Big Ten	To Be Announced					Divided We Stand	
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm (N) CC		Southern Charm "Reunion Part 1" (N)		Summer House (N)	Watch What
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Going in Style ('17)	✾ ★★ Good Boys ('19, Comedy) Jacob Tremblay. CC		✾ ★★★ Raising Arizona ('87) Nicolas Cage. CC			
CMT	Last Man	✾ ★★ National Lampoon's Vacation ('83) CC					NatlLmpn
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	:00 BattleBots	BattleBots "Hit the Jackpot!" Huge vs. Kraken; Lock-Jaw vs. Jackpot. (N) CC				:02 BattleBots "Don't Flip Out!" CC	
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Bunk'd
DIY	Tree	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea
E!	Chrisley	Total Bellas CC		Total Bellas (N)		Total Bellas CC	
ESPN	Women's College Basketball			College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L)			
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Houston at Tulane. (N)			
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	FOX	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NBA Basketball: Bucks at Pistons				Pistons	NHL Hockey	
Freefrm	6:00 ✾ Shrek	grown-ish (N) CC	✾ ★★★ Inside Out ('15, Children's) Voices of Amy Poehler, Phyllis Smith. CC				grown-ish CC
FX	Kingsman: Serv	✾ ★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17) Colin Firth. British spies join forces with their American counterparts. CC					
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf Farmers Insurance Open, First Round. CC					
Hallmark	Love in Paradise	✾ Winter Castle ('19, Romance) Emilie Ullerup, Kevin McGarry. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Fast & Furious	Euphoria: F... Anyone Who's Not		8:50 ✾ ★★ Don't Let Go ('19) David Oyelowo. CC			:35 Tiger CC
History	Swamp	Swamp People: Ser		Swamp People: Ser		:03 Mountain Men	
HGTV	Flip	Flip.-America		Rehab Addict		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Stories	Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER	
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	✾ Salt-N-Pepa ('21, Docudrama) G.G. Townson, Laila Odom. CC				:03 ✾ ★★ Sister Act ('92) CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Revenge	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Footvol	Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				IBU Biathlon	
NFL	NFL Total	Senior Bowl Practice		NFL Football Teams TBA. CC			
Nick	Substitute	SpongeBob Movie				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Port Protection	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered A man is found dead in his car. (N) CC				Killer Motive CC	
Parmt	:00 ✾ ★★ Mr. & Mrs. Smith ('05) CC				✾ ★★★ Casino ('95) CC		
Showtime	:00 ✾ ★★★ No Country for Old Men ('07, Crime Drama) CC			:05 ✾ ★★★ Dallas Buyers Club ('13, Drama) Matthew McConaughey. CC			
Starz	5:55 ✾ Hellboy	In The Long Run	:26 ✾ Charlie's Angels ('19, Action) Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott. CC				Public Enemies
STZENC	6:40 ✾ ★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Action) CC			✾ ★ Miss Bala ('19, Action) Gina Rodriguez, Ismael Cruz Córdova. CC			
SyFy	:35 ✾ ★★★ Ant-Man ('15, Action) Paul Rudd. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket.					Resident Alien "Pilot" CC	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Go-Big Show (N) CC		Wipeout "Rats!" CC	
TCM	:15 MGM Parade	✾ ★★★★ The Heiress ('49, Drama) Olivia de Havilland, Montgomery Clift. CC				:15 ✾ ★★★ The Children's Hour ('61)	
TMC	Margot-Wed	✾ ★★★ An Officer and a Gentleman ('82) Richard Gere, Debra Winger. CC				:05 ✾ ★★★ Dangerous Liaisons	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Heat				NBA Basketball		
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	:31 The Rev (N)
VH1	Madea	✾ ★★ White Chicks ('04) Shawn Wayans. CC					Madea
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Man who won't fight fair turns arguments into battles

DEAR ABBY: I am in a nearly two-year relationship with a man I love. In so many ways, this is the relationship I've always hoped for and, being in my early 30s, I'm feeling ready to settle down. The problem? He doesn't fight fair.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

I have put an exorbitant amount of effort into remaining calm and loving during arguments to prevent our relationship from deteriorating, but he seems incapable of meeting me halfway. His unfair fighting comes in the form of aggressive tones, obscene faces, looking at his phone while I'm talking and sometimes ignoring me entirely.

These arguments are usually over minor issues that are nowhere near warranting a full-blown fight (for example, dishes not being done when he came home from work because I work from home and put it off to do during nonwork hours).

Our relationship is otherwise great, but if I'm going to commit to someone for life, I want them to be capable of having calm and healthy conversations. He thinks I'm controlling when I ask him not to use aggressive tones or make faces. What do I do? – Fighting Fair In Oregon

DEAR FIGHTING: I will assume that the man you are in love with is around the same age as you. By the time someone reaches their 30s, their personalities are usually set. This man behaves the way he does because it works for him. It enables HIM to control YOU.

If he values your relationship, he should be willing to discuss this in couples counseling so these conversations are constructive rather than adversarial. If he isn't, however, keep looking for a more suitable mate because this Mister ain't Wonderful.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to alert your readers to something that happened to me so it may keep it from happening to them. In her later years, my dear mother was afflicted with dementia. When it became clear she could no longer live alone, I went to live with her.

One day, I went looking for the albums of photos from when my brothers and I were kids, family vacations, etc. After searching high and low and not finding them, I asked Mom what had happened to them. Turns out, she threw them out because she didn't remember any of the people in the pictures! To say I was devastated would be an understatement.

I couldn't be angry with Mom. It wasn't her fault. But Abby, your readers need to know that it can happen to them. My mother has been gone for 10 years, and I still wish I had those photos. – Missing Memories In Massachusetts

DEAR MISSING: I'm glad you wrote. Your letter is a reminder that when family members begin to age, it's important to make the time to sit down with them and go through family pictures. My own dear mother urged her readers to not only review those photos, but also to write on the backs the date they were taken and the names of who is in them. This is a precious gift because memories do start to fade. It can stimulate wonderful conversations if people are willing to make the effort.

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Mother of the bride is anti-wedding

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm engaged and planning our wedding, but my mom is very down on big weddings. She thinks they're a waste of time and especially money.

My fiance and I are paying for just about everything, but each set of parents has given us about $2,000. We've expressed enormous gratitude for that and it wasn't something we asked for.

Carolyn Hax

In spite of giving us the money, my mom is constantly telling me we should just elope now and get started on our family right away. She hates weddings but is very interested in grandchildren.

I've talked to her about how important a nice wedding is to us and how much I would appreciate her support. She always promises to do better and to at least be polite about it, and then the next day she's back on the anti-wedding train.

Because of this I wasn't going to have her come when I try on dresses next month, since all she has to say about them is what a waste of money they are and how ridiculous I am for getting one. My future mother-in-law is thrilled for us and is very excited about my gown, so I was going to invite her and my sister to come with me.

My sister is telling me this is an important moment for a mother and daughter, and our mom feels left out and is upset that my future mother-in-law is coming with me instead of her.

I'm sure she feels left out, but I know she's not interested in seeing me try on wedding gowns. My sister says if I don't have our mom there, I'll regret it forever. My fiance says I should just ask her since she'll probably say no, but I think it's more likely that she'll show up and try to talk me out of a big white dress or be critical the whole day. What would you do if you were me? – Engaged

DEAR ENGAGED: When this pandemic is behind us, I think we should all have enormous weddings, even if we aren't getting married.

As for your mom, I'm thinking utter bluntness: "Mom, I'd love to have you come dress shopping. But if you breathe one word of wasted money or eloping, so help me, I will send you home. If you need time to think, then take it and let me know."

Plus, it'll probably be the closest any of us gets to one of those great movie scenes where the underdog finds her snarl.

If your mother agrees to your terms for being there and then acts up anyway, calmly stop trying things on until she either apologizes or leaves.

REGARDING WEDDINGS: Listen, I love weddings and traditions as much as the next gal, but if your mom doesn't come dress shopping, you'll "regret it forever?"

Methinks you and your sis may be putting a little too much importance on really, really mundane activities, just because they're tangentially related to your wedding. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Right, yes, I missed that. Thank you.

And now that I'm here: "very interested in grandchildren?" How utterly not her business. Best to get those boundaries up before raising the tent.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Turnpike fee
5 — donna
10 Predetermine
12 Victor's wreath
13 Goofball
14 Polished
15 Scallion kin
16 Roll
18 What, in Oaxaca
19 Small raisin
23 Tent holder
26 Tasty legume
27 Holy terrors
30 Throngs
32 Cheap heat
34 Leg bone
35 Gather
36 Laird's attire
37 Spud st.
38 Sz. option
39 Cul-de-sac (2 wds.)
42 Auction signal
45 Recipe amt.
46 Chatters
50 Geronimo's tribe
53 Bank employee
55 Leave stranded
56 Floods
57 Rocker — John
58 In a while

DOWN
1 Oak or elm
2 Fat cat's victim
3 Adventures
4 Slangy hat
5 Golf term
6 Apply salve
7 OPEC member
8 Bill of fare
9 Helm position
10 Harry Potter's messenger
11 Earls and dukes
12 Moon goddess
17 Actress — Hagen
20 Make current
21 Honda rival
22 Cookie man
23 Interest amt.
24 Composer — Satie
25 High desert of Asia
28 Tiny Tim's pudding
29 Like before
31 Rugged
33 Primary color
35 Pros
37 Egos' counterparts
40 Pharaoh's god
41 "Like a Rolling Stone" singer
42 Moniker
43 Silica mineral
44 Flit
47 Kind of sax
48 Lament loudly
49 Almost-grads
51 Dove murmur
52 Sweetie-pie
54 Ecol. bureau

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	E	C	I	D	E	■	Y	A	M	A	H	A
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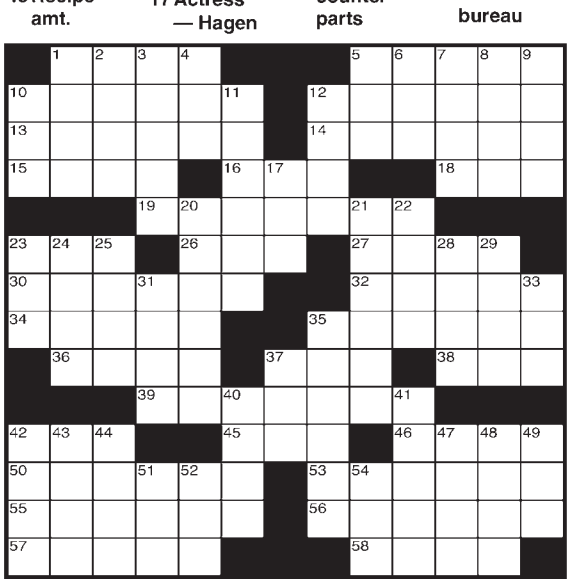

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FRATG

MNHAU

SOYMLT

ATDRIE

So, what do you think? They're pretty good.
With a few changes, I think they'll be great! I need to sign them before anyone else.
BRIAN EPSTEIN KNEW WHAT TO DO AFTER SEEING THE BEATLES BECAUSE HE HAD ---

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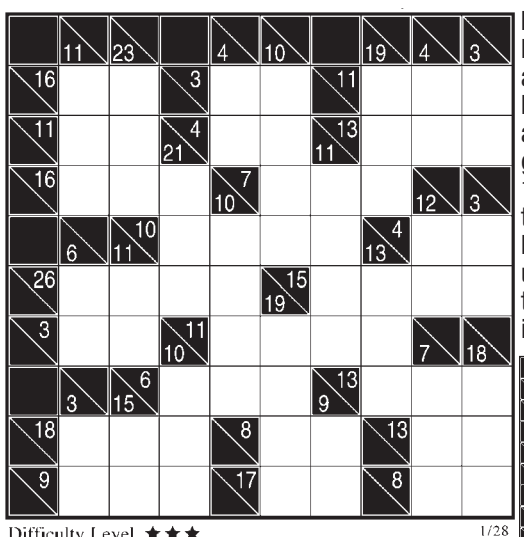
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ○○○○ - ○○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

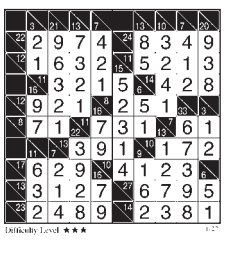
Yesterday's Jumbles: TOTAL VIVID MANNER WALLOP
Answer: They would work together to install the new shingles but needed to — NAIL DOWN A TIME

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/28

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

George Chapman, an English dramatist who died in 1634, wrote, "Fortune, the great commandress of the world, / Hath divers ways to advance her followers: / To some she gives honour without deserving, / To other some, deserving without honour."

There are bridge deals in which the luck – or misfortune – seems random. Today's is one example. North-South have two almost-identical 5-3 major-suit fits. However, 10 tricks are the limit in hearts because the trumps break 5-0. In spades, 11 tricks can be won.

When this deal was played at Bridge Base Online, one North-South pair got a fortuitous result. First, South upgraded his hand to a strong no-trump because of ace-king, ace-king and the good five-card suit. (The Kaplan-Rubens method values that hand at 16.15 points.) Then, over West's Unusual No-trump, showing at least 5-5 in the minors, North used a transfer bid, which resulted in South's declaring at four spades.

West led a spade. Declarer drew trumps ending on the board, learning that West had started with three. What did South do next?

West was marked with 3=0=5=5 distribution. So declarer led dummy's heart six and won the trick with that card! Then came the heart queen and another heart to the 10 and king. South cashed the heart ace, discarding a club from the dummy, and played a diamond to the king.

Plus 450 turned out to be a top. Of the other eight pairs in game, one made four spades and one made four hearts, both exactly, and six went down in four hearts.

North 01-28-21
♠ Q J 6 4 3
♥ Q 7 6
♦ K 5 2
♣ A 8

West
♠ 9 7 2
♥ —
♦ A Q J 8 3
♣ K Q 7 6 5

East
♠ 10 8
♥ J 10 8 4 3
♦ 10 9 6
♣ J 3 2

South
♠ A K 5
♥ A K 9 5 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 10 9 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	2NT	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

				1	6	4	5	
1			5	3				8
				7			3	
7	4	2		5				
				8				
				4		6	1	5
	1			6				
5				9	4			7
	9	8	3	2				

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	6	2	5	8	4	7	9	3
5	4	8	7	3	9	2	1	6
7	9	3	1	2	6	4	5	8
2	5	4	6	9	3	8	7	1
9	7	6	4	1	8	5	3	2
8	3	1	2	7	5	6	4	9
4	8	5	3	6	1	9	2	7
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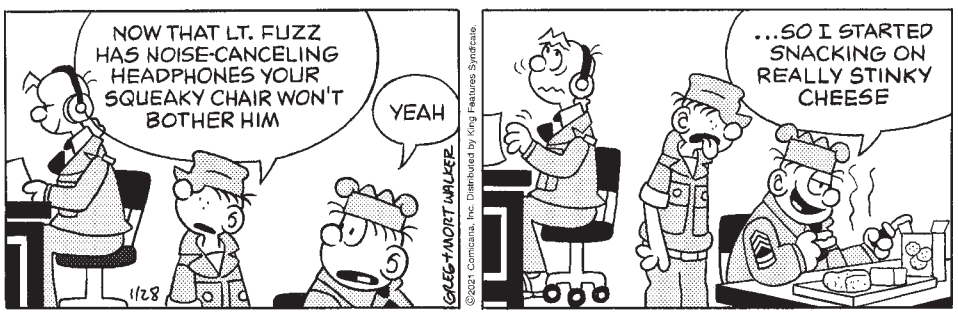
3	2	9	8	4	7	1	6	5

BEETLE BAILEY


NOW THAT LT. FUZZ HAS NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES YOUR SQUEAKY CHAIR WON'T BOTHER HIM
YEAH
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GREG+MORT WALKER
...SO I STARTED SNACKING ON REALLY STINKY CHEESE
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BLONDIE

SO, ALEX, WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE BANDS THESE DAYS?
THE RIGHTEOUS RUTABAGAS, THE BERRY SWEETS
AND I REALLY LOVE THE GONZO GUMBO GARAGE BAND
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE IS AN ACTUAL BAND WITH GUMBO IN ITS NAME!
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MMM... GUMBO?
YEP...JUST TRYING TO CELEBRATE TODAY'S MUSIC, DEAR!
www.Blondie.com
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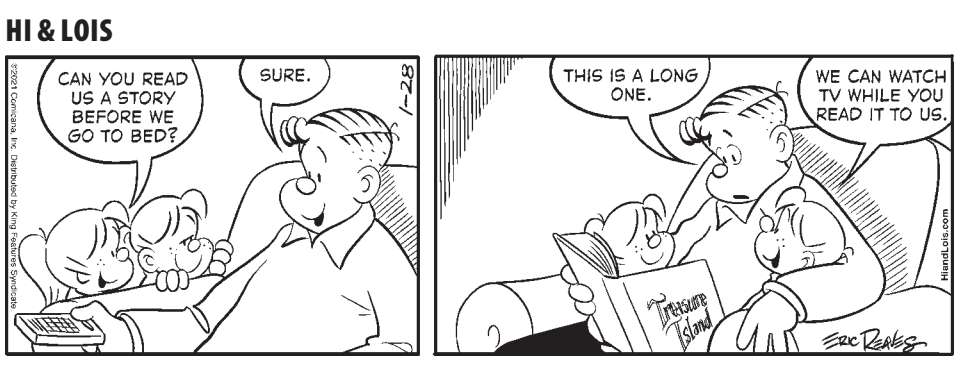
HI & LOIS


CAN YOU READ US A STORY BEFORE WE GO TO BED?
SURE.
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THIS IS A LONG ONE.
WE CAN WATCH TV WHILE YOU READ IT TO US.
Treasure Island
ERIC REASE
HiandLois.com

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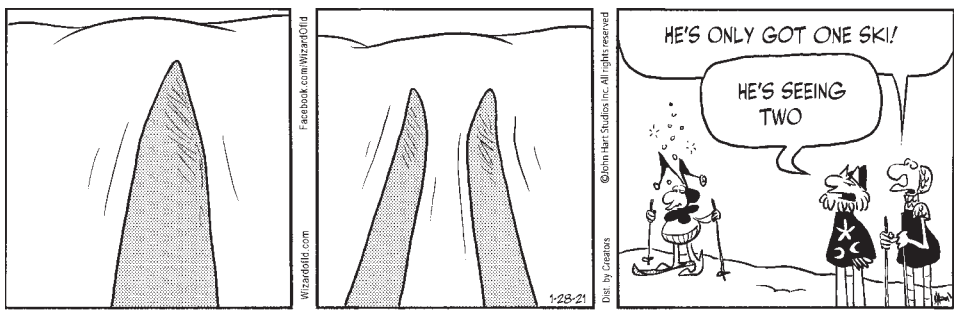
WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT

TED, THE COMPANY WANTS TO CELEBRATE YOU AS THE FIRST DISABLED GAY PERSON TO HOLD THIS JOB.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
BUT... I'M NEITHER GAY NOR DISABLED.
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THE CELEBRATION IS NEXT WEEK, SO YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FIX THAT.

GARFIELD

YOU KNOW, GARFIELD...
I THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A DOCTOR
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BUT I FAINT AT THE SIGHT OF BLOOD
YOU FAINT AT THE SIGHT OF KETCHUP
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JIM DAVIS 1-28

FORT KNOX

WE SHOULD GET THE GENERAL A NEW DOG.
ISN'T IT A LITTLE SOON FOR THAT??
NO, THIS WILL HELP HIM HEAL AND MOVE ON.
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, FRANK.
I AM AND I SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE.
YOU LOST A PET?
NO, THREE WIVES.
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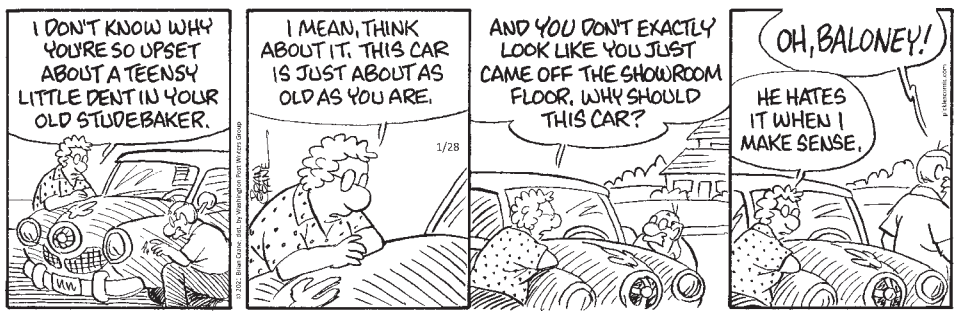
PICKLES


I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO UPSET ABOUT A TEENSY LITTLE DENT IN YOUR OLD STUDEBAKER.
I MEAN, THINK ABOUT IT. THIS CAR IS JUST ABOUT AS OLD AS YOU ARE.
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AND YOU DON'T EXACTLY LOOK LIKE YOU JUST CAME OFF THE SHOWROOM FLOOR. WHY SHOULD THIS CAR?
OH, BALONEY!
HE HATES IT WHEN I MAKE SENSE.
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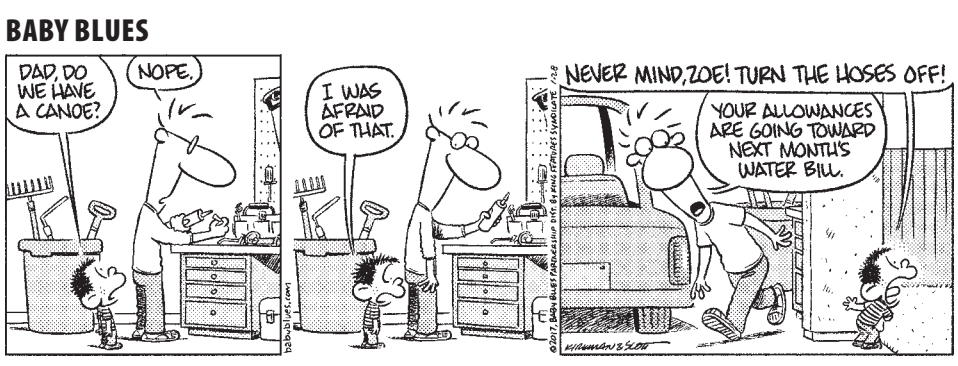
FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


DAD, DO WE HAVE A CANOE?
NOPE.
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT.
NEVER MIND, ZOE! TURN THE HOSES OFF!
YOUR ALLOWANCES ARE GOING TOWARD NEXT MONTH'S WATER BILL.
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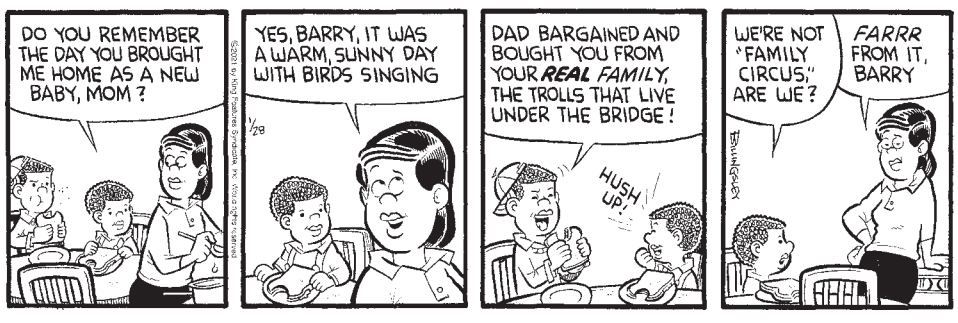
CURTIS


DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY YOU BROUGHT ME HOME AS A NEW BABY, MOM ?
YES, BARRY, IT WAS A WARM, SUNNY DAY WITH BIRDS SINGING
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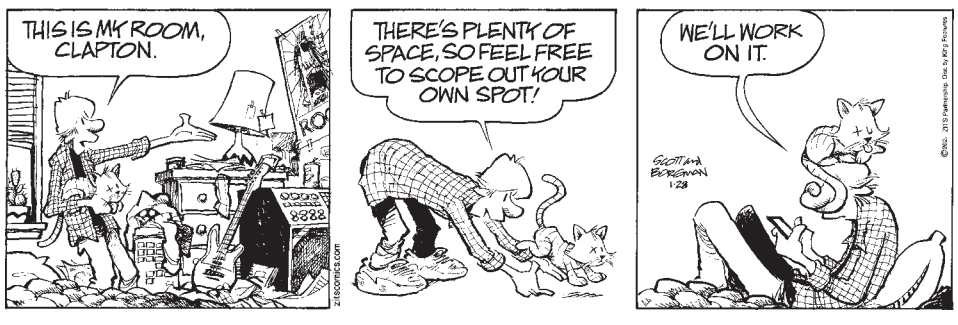
DAD BARGAINED AND BOUGHT YOU FROM YOUR REAL FAMILY, THE TROLLS THAT LIVE UNDER THE BRIDGE!
HUSH UP!
WE'RE NOT "FAMILY CIRCUS," ARE WE?
FARRR FROM IT, BARRY

ZITS


THIS IS MY ROOM, CLAPTON.
THERE'S PLENTY OF SPACE, SO FEEL FREE TO SCOPE OUT YOUR OWN SPOT!
WE'LL WORK ON IT.
SCOTT and BERGMAN 1-28
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HAGAR IS DEMANDING TEN GOLD PIECES!
GIVE IT TO HIM! IT COULD BE WORSE!
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IT IS WORSE!
BROWNE
BIG HAUL RENTALS
10 GOLD PIECES PER DAY
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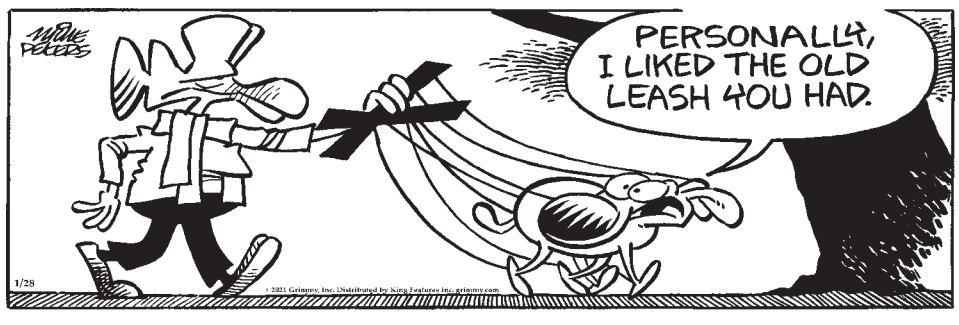
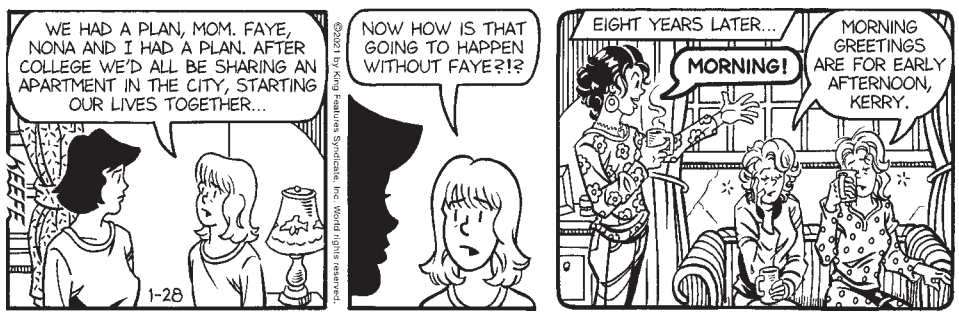
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MUTTS

SALLY FORTH


WE HAD A PLAN, MOM. FAYE, NONA AND I HAD A PLAN. AFTER COLLEGE WE'D ALL BE SHARING AN APARTMENT IN THE CITY, STARTING OUR LIVES TOGETHER...
WEEEE
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NOW HOW IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN WITHOUT FAYE?!?
EIGHT YEARS LATER...
MORNING!
MORNING GREETINGS ARE FOR EARLY AFTERNOON, KERRY.
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THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

Included in this Saturday's edition

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LEGALS

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Auction

Please take notice. StayLock Storage intends to hold an auction of goods for the following units in default for non-payment of rent. The sale will occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on February 4th 2021 at 12:00 PM.

Notice of lien sale
333 Palladium Dr Saint
Joseph MI 49055
Gehlhoff, P. 2815 Wild-

LEGALS

wood Ln, Stevensville, MI 49127

390 Park St Coloma MI 49038
Williams, G 14806 S Lawndale Ave, Midlothian IL 60445

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT

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MICHIGAN CITY

1.) Looking for Sewing Machine Operators. Experience preferred. Will train.

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Requirements:
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• Clean driving record
• Pass DOT physical & drug screen
• Lift/carry/maneuver heavy material & equipment
• Successfully complete a background check
• Fork lift experience a plus
• High School diploma or GED

Send resumes to: rclark@rpsimaging.com

The Town of Trail Creek is seeking applications for a part time street employee. The candidate will work through out the week and some weekend hours, in addition to possibly being on call for a tree down or during the winter months. The candidate must have the following skills and knowledge to be eligible:
Perform routine general maintenance, operate and utilize all town equipment as directed by the street commissioner. Assist in leaf pickup , patching potholes, storm maintenance and other misc. jobs given by the street commissioner. Must have high diploma, valid drivers license and must be able to lift or carry 50lbs.
Please contact the street commissioner, Chris Ott to set up a time to get an application at 219-872-4780

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

The City of St. Joseph is accepting resumes for the position of Public Safety Officer. Applicants must

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possess an Associate's Degree, Criminal Justice preferred, MCOLES certified or certifiable and Firefighter I & II desired. Please send cover letter and resume with three references to City of St. Joseph, Personnel Department, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085, by Monday, February 5, 2021 or to lmoore@sjcity.com. Application and full job description is also available online at www.sjcity.com.

FINANCIAL

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BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

To mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to residents; Benton Charter Township is conducting this meeting by teleconference with no physical public access at the usual meeting location in accordance with public health gathering crowd size limitations, social distancing recommendations and applicable law. It is the intention of Benton Charter Township to be in compliance with any applicable State or County orders or regulations and also the Open Meetings Act in order to promote government accountability and foster openness in government to enhance responsible decision-making.

This hereby serves notice that the Benton Charter Township Board will hold a teleconference meeting on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

Topic: Public Hearing

Purpose: Considering Properties Plus, LLC's request to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for property located at 1800 M-139, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Date & Time: February 2, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
Join Meeting by Conference call:
Dial-in information
Connect to the call by dialing in with your phone:
Phone Number: 1-717-275-8940
Access Code: 9773871#

Members of the public may contact members of the Township Board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the public body at cphillips@bentonchartertownship-mi.gov. Comments and questions submitted will be read aloud during the public comment portion of the meeting and provided to all members of the Township Board.

Benton Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon two (2) business days' notice to the Township Clerk.

Posted: January 26, 2021 Carolyn Phillips, Clerk

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

Be a leader, not a follower. Refuse to let the changes others make lead you astray or make you feel uncertain about what you want. Be smart regarding your associates, and let honesty and integrity be your guides when making tough decisions. Show compassion, but don't compromise your standards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take your time. Don't feel pressured to act if you aren't ready or comfortable with others' requests. Be open about what you want and what you are willing to do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Keep an open mind, but don't share your thoughts. Time is on your side, and good decisions will lead to a better future. Don't act in haste. Gather information and solicit advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The tide is turning, and things are falling into place. Before you become complacent, take a closer look at the small but essential details. Play to win, not just to get by.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take a chill pill before you engage with someone who is pushing your emotional buttons. If you back yourself into a corner, it will be challenging to find your way out. Keep the peace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Gather information, learn all you can and refuse to let anyone interfere with what you are trying to accomplish. If you lay down ground rules and express your plans intelligently, you'll excel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Tend to partnerships and money matters, and assign responsibilities. As long as you control spending and are receptive to expert advice, you'll get to where you want to be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll face problems with someone bullheaded. Before you take action, consider taking a peaceful approach. How you handle others will make the difference between failure and success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you want a change, be the one to make it happen. Uncertainty and confusion should be avoided. Be responsible, do a bang-up job and reap the reward. Romance is on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Ideas you planted are starting to grow. Initiate a conversation with someone you'd like to work alongside. A change can be useful as long as you are practical about it. Accept the inevitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep an open mind and your emotions under control. Tread carefully to avoid an no-win situation. Offer peace and love, not discord and chaos. A learning experience will include a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make last-minute changes to documents, contracts or financial deals. Refuse to let anyone pressure you into something uncertain. Make decisions based on facts, figures and what's best for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Problems will mount if you can't get along with a partner, friend or relative. Take a step back, assess the situation and look for a way to ensure that no one is taken advantage of.

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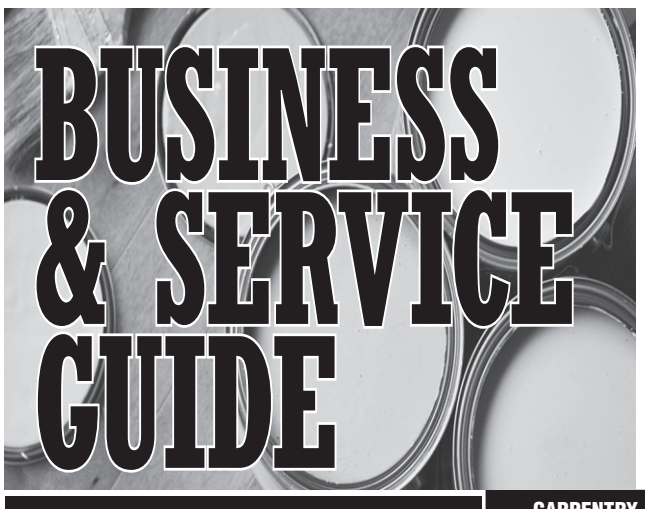

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NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Gia in training to be a friendly presence

By DAVID JOHNSON
For The Herald-Palladium

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Patty Daniel, at left, and Julie Grynwich hold Gia during a recent outdoor adventure in New Buffalo.

NEW BUFFALO — New Buffalo Township Library Director Julie Grynwich has a new puppy, and she's hoping to share Gia with the community soon.

Grynwich said Gia, now 14 weeks old, is a mini labradoodle.

Before dying, a dog named Newdle once made many visits to the library's downstairs Youth Services space reserved for younger visitors.

Grynwich said the example set by the friendly certified therapy dog, who was a Newfoundland-poodle mix, inspired her to continue the tradition of giving children the chance to interact with a dog at the library.

"Our goal is to get (Gia) used to working with kids in the youth department," she said, noting the process will take time and involve plenty of training.

A change in temperament, however, probably won't be needed.

"She loves everybody," Grynwich said. "She is the most friendly dog in the world."

Gia already has spent a lot of time around Grynwich's young grandchildren and family members' dogs, including her daughter's Labrador, Luna.

Grynwich said the library is currently offering curbside and virtual services, which she expects to continue "probably through February. And when the (COVID case) numbers start declining again, we are going to hopefully open. Everybody is anxious to open."

She said curbside is going well, with about 70 pick-ups during a recent week, and Youth Services is offering craft project pick-ups and online offerings.

"Thankfully my staff is super-competent with online and technology," she said.

Curbside service at the library, 33 N. Thompson St., is offered from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Services include books, DVDs and magazines; craft projects; library cards (sign up online); and faxing, laminating, copying and printing (documents may be emailed).

A Wi-Fi signal also is available outside the library.

To make arrangements, call 469-2933 or go online (www.newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org) to schedule a pick up.

BLOSSOMTIME COURT VISITS THE CAPITOL

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Starting with Sen. Harry Gast in the 1980s, Blossomtime royalty has been invited to tour Michigan's Capitol and learn its history. Gast also started a tradition of awarding a special proclamation to the Blossomtime court. Keeping the tradition alive, Rep. Brad Paquette and Sens. Kim LaSata and Aric Nesbitt recently presented the 2020 court with their proclamations. Pictured, from left, are Paquette, Mr. Blossomtime 1st Runner-Up Skyler Sawle, Mr. Blossomtime Jeremiah Sterling, Miss Blossomtime Faith Kittleson, Miss Blossomtime 1st Runner-Up Katherine Schooley, Miss Blossomtime 2nd Runner-Up Jada Willis, Mr. Blossomtime 2nd Runner-Up Jackson Williams, LaSata and Nesbitt.

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Steve Jones, who began his career with the Covert Township Fire Department in 1981, is retiring this week from South Haven Area Emergency Services.

Veteran SHAES responder retiring

SOUTH HAVEN — After more than 34 years of service to the South Haven community, Steve "Torpedo" Jones' last shift will be this week.

Jones started his career with the Covert Township Fire Department in 1981, and was hired by the South Haven Fire Department in August 1986. He continued his career with the South Haven Area Emergency Services Authority following its inception in 1996.

Jones was presented with the department's Leadership Award in 2017.

Jones has seen many changes, many co-workers and many advancements. In the mid '80s, the South Haven Fire Department averaged 900 calls per year, according to a news release. In 2020, SHAES responded to 2,358 calls for service.

In 1986, the South Haven Fire Department had two transporting limited advanced ambulances. Today SHAES has four transporting ALS squads.

"Steve has proudly served the South Haven area community for all this time, never losing his compassion for patients that we encounter. After 34 years, he still treats every patient with as much compassion and respect as his first day on the job," SHAES Chief Brandon Hinz said in the release.

Hinz worked with Jones for 15 years as "A shifters."

"More times than I could ever count, he's made us laugh, offered words of advice, and kept me grounded ... probably more than he realizes," Hinz said. "While we are sad to see Steve go, we are happy for this next step in his life. All the members of SHAES wish Steve a happy retirement, and are grateful for his service and dedication to this community and organization."

Alzheimer's Foundation has scholarships available

NEW YORK — The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is offering college scholarships to high school seniors affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The scholarships are part of AFA's annual Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship Essay Contest.

Essay entries can be submitted online at www.alzfdn.org/scholarship. They must be received by Feb. 15.

The grand prize winner will receive a $5,000 scholarship. Prizes also will be awarded for first-runner-up ($2,500), second-runner-up ($1,500) and honorable mentions (between $400 and $1,000).

Since the program's inception, nearly $300,000 in college scholarships have been awarded, according to a news release.

The essay contest invites high school seniors to write a 1,200- to 1,500-word essay that describes how Alzheimer's disease has impacted themselves, their families or their communities, and what they have learned from their experiences.

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, volunteering or working in a care setting, raising Alzheimer's awareness or conducting research about Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses are all experiences that teens are invited to share.

AFA has been able to provide these scholarships with the support of charitable donors. Those wishing to support this and other programs and services for families affected by Alzheimer's disease can do so online at www.alzfdn.org/donate or by calling 866-232-8484.

IN BRIEF

VBRGS hoping to add to military collection

HARTFORD — The Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society, which now has a home at the Arthur and Bonna Vanderlyn Community Center/Hartford Public Library, is hoping to build on one of its collections.

The society owns the Southwest Michigan Military Collection, which is available for public viewing in the library's Genealogy Room.

The collection was created to pay tribute to military personnel who have served their country since the Revolutionary War.

It includes the names of more than 4,000 veterans and active duty men and woman who, at some time in their lives, called Southwest Michigan home.

The information available for each person came from many sources, and includes documentation about their service. The collection doesn't include uniforms, medals or other military artifacts, but does house Civil War Pension files, personal letters, proof of military commendations, photographs and other one-of-a-kind print items.

The society's goal is to honor everyone who gave so much of themselves to keep the United States free and to protect our liberties. Anyone with information to add to the collection can call the library at 588-5103.

'The Real Mae West' set for Tuesday on Zoom

BRIDGMAN — At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Bridgman Public Library will host "The Real Mae West" with educational entertainer Martina Mathisen.

The event will be held online via Zoom at bit.ly/3oFkka2.

Without West, Cary Grant may have remained a nobody. Her one-liners scandalized the censors, yet made her an icon. Who was she really? Find out during this program.

For more information, call 465-3663 or visit www.bridgmanlibrary.com.

Museum hosts 'Killing in Capone's Playground'

THREE OAKS — The Region of Three Oaks Museum will host "Killing in Capone's Playground" at 7 p.m. tonight.

Chriss Lyon, the author of "Killing in Capone's Playground," will lead the online program via Zoom.

The program was rescheduled from April, when it had to be cut short because it was "interrupted by Zoom hoodlums who created all kinds of havoc," according to a news release.

"Lots of fine, upstanding folks live in and visit out area, but we've had our share of scoundrels, scallywags and out-and-out thugs around here as well. We've learned something about Zoom security since last April," the museum said in the release.

For access to the program, email trotommuseum@gmail.com.

For more information about the museum or to volunteer, visit www.regionofthreeoaksmuseum.com or email trotommuseum@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran plans preschool open house

STEVENSVILLE — The preschool at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 2673 W. John Beers Road, will host a weeklong open house from Feb. 8-12.

Families can go online to schedule a visit to tour the classrooms, meet the preschool teachers, and pick up registration materials. To sign-up for a time slot, visit bit.ly/StPPreKOpenHouse.

Starting in the 2021-22 year, the school will begin offering half-day and full-day options for ages 3-5, in addition to after-school care.

For questions or more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org/preschool or call 429-1546.

Lions Club scholarship applications available

STEVENSVILLE — The Lakeshore Lions Club will be awarding a $2,400 scholarship to a high school senior who is a resident of the Lakeshore Public Schools district.

Applications now are available at counselors' offices at Lakeshore, Lake Michigan Catholic and Michigan Lutheran high schools as well as Andrews Academy.

Guidance counselors also have an electronic copy of the application that can be emailed to students.

Applications are due back by April 15.

For questions, contact scholarship chairperson Paget Clark at 491-0451 or pm4910451@gmail.com.